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Triumphant Prem returns to capital

BANGKOK, April 4, (Agencies) — A conciliatory Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda returned to this capital city Saturday after he successfully crushed a 56-hour coup attempt by top military officers.

The 60-year-old prime minister and army commander flew into Bangkok from his military stronghold at Korat, 150 miles (240 kms) to the northeast.

Saying only that he has "lots of work to do," Prem went straight to the army auditorium the rebel officers had used as their headquarters and set up his own "joint operation center for the maintenance of peace and order."

Before leaving Korat, Prem urged the Thai people to forget the "tragedy" of the attempted coup and ordered all extra troops out of the capital. Life in Bangkok quickly returned to normal Friday after the coup was put down in a swift show of force that cost only two lives. By Saturday there was no sign in the capital of the two-day takeover by rebel forces. All shops and businesses were open.

Prem said Saturday he will pardon all rebel officers and troops who followed his orders

and returned to their barracks Thursday, the day before the coup ended.

"The rest will be investigated," he said. Military sources said Prem has already set up a committee to investigate several officers involved in the coup. Earlier, the prime minister said the coup officers, whom he called "misguided" but well-disciplined, would be treated "with honor."

There was still no confirmed report on the whereabouts of coup leader Gen. Sant Chitpatima. Military sources said Friday he fled in an army helicopter, heading for Burma. All of his top aides either surrendered or were captured when the coup collapsed. Local reports said 155 persons were held for their alleged part in the coup.

The brief coup attempt, the sixth since 1971, began early Wednesday morning, and at first seemed to be going in the established pattern of Thai military coups — no bloodshed, a united army and a swift and unopposed change of leaders. But Prem managed to flee to Korat.

Although Sant occupied Bangkok immediately he soon found his support slipping away and some of those he claimed were strong backers defected to Prem. The two sides tried to negotiate a peaceful settlement, but the talks stalled and Prem ordered his troops into the capital early Friday.

Meanwhile, sources close to the palace said King Bhumipol Adulyadej, who had joined Gen. Prem at Korat, was remaining in the northeast to visit villages.

In Washington, the State Department Saturday denied that Chitpatima had sought political asylum in the United States. "We have had no request for political asylum from Gen. Sant," a State department spokesman said.

Imitation banned; 2 orders issued

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — The Ministry of Commerce Saturday warned merchants not to deal in imitation goods or those bearing spurious trade marks with a view to deceiving consumers.

In a statement, the ministry urged them to take note of details on the origin and quality of goods and to ensure that they are genuine. It added that importers must ensure all this at the time of concluding commercial contracts.

The statement said that the General Department for Consumer Protection has uncovered forged goods in the markets. Since the matter amounts to public cheating, the statement said, it necessitated the adoption of suitable measures against fraud in accordance with the royal decree No. 45 issued in 1381 H, nearly 20 years ago.

The ministry Saturday also issued two orders providing for the issuance of statutes for commercial agencies and chambers of commerce.

The statute for commercial agencies explains the method of enforcing and implementing the rules and the rights and obligations of the commercial agent and distributor. It protects the consumer's interests in the procurement of spare parts and maintenance at reasonable costs.

The statute further explains registration measures and takes into consideration a harmonious coordination between the rules and measures.

In regard to agents and distributors, the provisions stress the need for their registrations within one year of the enforcement of the statute. They will not be permitted to engage in work after the expiry of the period unless they get themselves registered. The agents, who have registered previously, would be required to enclose with the request a proof of the validity of their agency contract and a certificate from the chambers of commerce confirming the payment of their contribution.

With a view to helping the naive distributors and agents, the ministry has prepared a specimen of the contract for their guidance. It contains all basic requirements from both parties.

On the other hand, the statute for the chambers of commerce contains 77 articles, most of which concentrate on the implementation of the chambers' regulations and the method of electing the members of the board of directors. It also deals with arbitration and the settlement of commercial disputes and speaks about exhibitions and international conferences.

The recently-issued regulation of the Kingdom's chambers of commerce and industry is contained in six chapters, which have been prepared in conformity with the commercial, industrial and building boom in the country.

Chatti in Baghdad to continue talks

BEIRUT, April 4 (Agencies) — The Organization of Islamic Conference Secretary-General Habib Chatti arrived in Baghdad Saturday to communicate the Islamic nations' new proposals for ending the seven-month Gulf war, the Iraqi News Agency said.

Chatti made a brief visit to the Iranian capital of Tehran Friday, where he met with President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr. The Iranian president later told reporters "some progress" had been made in the quest for a settlement of the conflict. He did not give any details.

The 42-nation OIC and the 94-nation nonaligned nations group as well as the United Nations have all launched separate peace missions to end the Iran-Iraq war. Pakistani President Mubammad Zia ul-Haq, a member of the nine-nation peace commission set up during the 37-nation Islamic summit January, told Arab News Thursday he was optimistic a solution would be found but that it would take more time.

Zia said the commission had made progress in "narrowing the gap" between the two nations during the three-day shuttle it made between Tehran and Baghdad. U.N. Special Envoy Olaf Palme said in an interview with a Lebanese newspaper, *Al-Nahar*, Friday, that the two sides now conceded that neither would be able to win the war on the battlefield.

Palme said the difficult issue was the Shatt Al-Arab, the 193-kms waterway which is Iraq's only outlet to the sea. A 1975 treaty set the southern border of the two countries at the Shatt's midstream. The Pakistani president said that new proposals for an Islamic court of justice and a committee to arbitrate the Shatt Al-Arab dispute were being proposed to the two countries.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, who abrogated the 1975 treaty five days before the war broke out Sept. 22 last year, has insisted upon Iran's recognition of Iraqi territorial rights over the Shatt Al-Arab.

Iran has demanded unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from all territories conquered in the war, now ending its 28th week.



LOOKING GOOD: The first-ever photo of President Reagan taken after he was shot at by an assassin. Reagan is recuperating at the George Washington University Medical Center. Wife Nancy and Reagan are all smiles indicating that all is well with the president.

Fever persists Reagan feels 'quite better'

WASHINGTON, April 4 (Agencies) — President Reagan's fever continued Saturday morning, his doctor said, but the president was described as feeling "quite a bit better."

The president's rising and falling temperature, called a "limited setback" in his recovery from a gunshot wound to the chest, indicates that his damaged left lung isn't functioning as well as it should be, doctors say.

One surgeon said this raised "the potential for pneumonia," but he called such a development "very unlikely."

An AFP report said Reagan underwent a minor operation Friday to remove blood clots and mucus from his damaged left lung, his doctors said in a White House bulletin. After the clean-up, the president was put back on antibiotics, which had been discontinued for the past 24 hours. The bulletin repeated that Reagan could be back at his desk early next week.

One of the president's physicians, Dr. James O'Leary, said the small amount of lead alloy left in Reagan's body by the bullet after Monday's assassination attempt had already been absorbed and there was little danger of poisoning.

He said: "All the lead in a bullet would not be sufficient to create a detectable blood level of lead."

Meanwhile, White House Press Secretary

James S. Brady, the most seriously wounded of the four persons struck in the assassination attempt, was removed from the critical list Friday, and doctors reported that he said, "I'm feeling fine."

Friday's medical reports on Reagan were the first that indicated the president was experiencing anything other than a perfectly smooth recovery.

Reagan was briefed on the situation in Poland Friday when he met aides several times during the day.

The American leader conferred separately with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on Middle East and defense policy.

Both the senior cabinet officers left Washington Friday night for separate official visits abroad.

Meanwhile, John W. Hinckley, accused of trying to assassinate Reagan, was bused under tight security Friday at a modern federal facility that doubles as a prison and a psychiatric hospital.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hinckley, left their Evergreen, Colorado home Thursday, and were reported en route in hopes of seeing him. A U.S. government official who asked not to be identified said the government "would cooperate" with the parents' wishes to see Hinckley.

Reagan's 'performance' acclaimed

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AFP) — The performance of United States President Ronald Reagan as with a bullet in the lung he calmly left his car and walked into the hospital where he had been rushed before collapsing with a trickle of blood at his mouth was in the best tradition of the Hollywood Western.

In the land where political success depends on television, last week's drama which featured the former Hollywood star as the principal actor was a scriptwriter's dream, giving the president a huge political advantage.

Many Americans are beginning to see the best first two months of the Reagan era, the beginning of a legend serving to unify the nation, as shown by one of a number of huge posters stuck up outside the George Washington Hospital where he is recovering from his wound.

The poster reads: "There are no more Democrats or Republicans. We are a big family."

Even his fiercest political opponents have had to give ground: Only 10 Democratic Senators out of 46 voted last Thursday against the welfare cuts and one of them, rising star Gary Hart (Colorado) was forced to admit that he in fact liked the president.

The political honeymoon which a president traditionally enjoys at the start of his term can only be prolonged in Reagan's case, House of Representatives Democrat leader Tip O'Neill added. Evidence that the president was still very much alive amply supplied by his staff have strengthened the apparent affection for him in the U.S., to judge from the thousands of telegrams which have poured into the White House.

Before the attempt on his life Reagan managed to slide out of many of his political difficulties with wisecracks. After it they have redoubled, and his latest gag, often culled from a long line of films with optimistic dialogues, now regularly opens radio and television newscasts.

The result is reassurance for Americans whose memories of John Kennedy's death in Dallas nearly 18 years ago were reawakened by the six shots fired outside the Washington Hilton. Reagan's refusal to be beaten once and for all branded him with the qualities which Americans demand from their president: Coolness, a sense of responsibility and a sense of humor.

It is now extremely difficult to criticize him, far less to try to paint him as the dangerous cowboy or hard-line conservative, insensitive to human suffering, as outgoing president Jimmy Carter did during the election campaign.

Above all the president's attitude has been totally in line with his political message of a romantic America where the greatness of a nation outweighs the petty meannesses of individuals who make it up.

He said in his inaugural speech in January: "We have every right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say we are in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look."

Last Monday, Americans found their hero, and they are not likely to let go of him easily.

Weinberger warns Polish situation 'pretty serious'

LONDON, April 4 (Agencies) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger described the Polish situation as "still pretty serious" when he arrived here Saturday at the start of a week-long visit to America's European allies. Weinberger said Soviet troop activity was consistent with a possible move into Poland but there was no definite indication that the Soviets would invade.

The defense secretary is in London mainly to discuss deployment of nuclear weapons by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Meanwhile, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher completed a three-day official visit to Moscow Saturday, apparently without receiving any word on Soviet intentions toward Poland.

At a news conference Saturday morning before returning to Bonn, Genscher sidestepped a question on whether he had received assurances from Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev or Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko that the Soviets would not invade Poland.

"After numerous public statements of Western nations but also after my talks here in Moscow, no one will have any misunderstanding about what consequences such an action would have for the international situation," he replied.

In a related development the independent Trade Union Solidarity has given rise to a flourishing industry as products — ranging from tee shirts to calendars — inscribed with the Polish word "Solidarnosc" have become the latest commercial fad.

On Szpitalna Street, in the capital, people are standing in the open present Polish lines to buy brooches, pins and buckles at the headquarters of the Mazowsze, or Warsaw's branch of Solidarity. There is a product for every taste and a range of sizes, colors and materials — for example a tiny bronze pin that can be discreetly attached inside one's jacket or a plastic badge with the name of the celebrated union gleaming in bright red letters.

In Warsaw, Monday's meeting of the Polish parliament has been postponed for a week because Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski, who was to address the session, is "temporarily indisposed." Poland's state-run news media reported Saturday.

Jaruzelski's speech was billed as a major one concerning developments in the nation's continuing labor crisis. None of the reports gave any indication what caused the premier to be indisposed.

Word that the meeting had been put off until next Friday came as Poland's Communist leadership was being attacked from two sides — Polish workers on one, the Soviet media on the other — and as U.S. officials were warning that the Kremlin is readier than it's ever been to intervene. Communist Party boss Stanislaw Kania and other members of the ruling politburo toured Polish factories and workplaces Friday and were sharply criticized by workers for a lack of leadership, the Polish media reported.

"You came five years too late," said one coal miner. "What are you doing there in the Politburo," asked another.

The Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* said, however, that Polish citizens wanted the government to take firm action against the workers and Solidarity, their independent union. *Pravda* charged Solidarity is engaged

in a "struggle for power" and has "put the country on the brink of economic catastrophe."

State Department spokesman William Dyess said such statements appeared "aimed at providing justification for a possible Soviet action." And he called the Polish situation "perhaps more serious" than it was in December, when U.S. officials reported the Soviet military had taken all preparatory steps needed for an invasion and were then "ready to roll."

Significantly Dyess dropped from his daily briefing for reporters the observation that "a Soviet intervention in Poland is neither imminent nor inevitable." Until Friday, this had been the official administration assessment.

As he spoke, Warsaw Pact military exercises in or near Poland continued into their 15th day, the East German News Agency ADN reported.

Khaled receives Iraqi message

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — King Khaled received a message from the Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Saturday. It was delivered by Foreign Minister Saddam Hammadi who arrived here from Jordan where he also delivered a message to King Hussein.

The meeting was attended by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense Minister Prince Sultan and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal.

Haig starts tour; arrives in Cairo

CAIRO, April 4 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrived in Egypt Saturday at the start of a nine-day tour of the Middle East and West Europe.

Haig went ahead with the trip, his first overseas mission since taking office, despite increased State Department concern that the Soviet Union might invade Poland.

After his Mideast trip, Haig will visit Spain, Italy, Britain, France and West Germany.

Haig was welcomed here by Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs Kamal Hassan Ali. He told reporters that a "strong Egypt is absolutely indispensable for peace and stability in this region."

President Ronald Reagan "is personally dedicated to the proposition that a strong Egypt is absolutely indispensable to peace and stability in this region and globally," Haig said.

The secretary applauded Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for having a "clear vision" of the world. He said the Americans were in Egypt "to learn how best we Americans can participate in the partnership which seeks to enhance the security of this region, which will enable us to carry forward with the peace process with Israel within the confines of the Camp David accords."

Haig is to meet with Sadat early Sunday and will hold talks with Hassan Ali and Vice President Hosni Mubarak in the afternoon before leaving for Israel. Haig also plans to visit Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

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During Finnish minister's visit

Talks focus on forestry plans

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sbeikh held talks with the Finnish agriculture and forestry minister, Dahkamaa Taisto, here Saturday. Taisto had arrived here on a few days visit to the Kingdom Friday night.

Dr. Abdul Rahman said several issues were discussed during the meeting, among which was growing forests and developing nurseries for planting trees in suitable areas of the Asir Region. Views were exchanged for further developing cooperation between the two countries, the minister said.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was improving animal production in the Kingdom — dairy products in particular. Talks also covered the issue of purifying and treating water to use for agricultural and industrial purposes.

Dr. Abdul Rahman said the meeting also discussed fishing and ways of developing "this important food source for the Kingdom" in cooperation with the Saudi Fishing Company. Dr. Nasser Al-Saleh, Saudi fishing company's director, attended the meeting.

The Saudi Arabian delegation in the talks also included Muhammad Ali Makki, deputy agriculture minister; Abdul Latif Al-Ajaji, deputy minister for research and agricultural development; Abdullah Al-Musadd, acting deputy minister for water; and other officials. The Finnish side included the delegation accompanying the minister and the Finland's ambassador to the Kingdom.

Taisto said upon his arrival Friday the visit would contribute to further strengthening relations between the two countries, especially in agricultural cooperation. He added

that the Saudi-Finnish economic and commercial relations are booming.

The Finnish minister praised the Kingdom's sound policy on the international level and its role in stabilizing the situation in the Middle East.

The Finnish minister's visit comes at his Saudi Arabian counterpart's invitation and in response to Dr. Abdul Rahman's visit to Finland last summer. "A cooperation agreement was reached during last year's visit in planting and exploiting forests in the Asir Region," Dr. Abdul Rahman said.

Joint teams of agricultural, fishery and animal resources experts were formed from both countries. The Finnish team arrived in the Kingdom to work with the local experts three months ago, Dr. Abdul Rahman said.



WINNER: Lennart Karlsson, Armaska's captain, receives the Jeddah Bridge League Trophy from Peter Harris.

Armaska presented trophy

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 4 — Armaska was awarded the winners' trophy Thursday night at a presentation ceremony marking the end of the first Jeddah Bridge League season.

The League, which ran over a four month period, has been a great success and the organizers, chiefly Peter Harris, are hoping to increase the number of teams when the League restarts later this year.

Armaska always was ahead in the league, but International Airport (K.A.A.I.A.) White team put in a late challenge that brought the season to an exciting climax.

With two matches to go, Armaska needed only one point to clinch the title, while

K.A.A.I.A. could overtake them if Armaska lost both matches. Unfortunately for K.A.A.I.A., while Armaska did lose twice, the airport team also lost one of their matches to Grey Mackenzie and finished runner-up.

British Steel moved steadily up the table after the midway stage and had an outside chance of taking second place.

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K.A.A.I.A. (GREEN)	4	1	7	101	139	9
FRENCH CLUB	4	0	8	103	137	7

Pilgrims' safety discussed

JEDDAH, April 4 (SPA) — Safety precautions during the pilgrimage season — including the spraying of fire-resistant substances on pilgrims' tents — were discussed here Saturday at the King Abdul Aziz University's Pilgrimage Research Center.

A meeting chaired by Interior Minister Prince Naif and attended by Mecca Governor Prince Majed and University Rector Dr. Abdullah Nassif reviewed the precautions and made recommendations to reduce the risks of fire as much as possible.

Dr. Nassif said the center is carrying research on all aspects of the pilgrimage and has collected 30,000 photographs about the

annual rite. He praised the government's efforts and services to the pilgrims.

In a separate development the Muslim World League announced that it had allocated SR1.5 million to print one million copies of the Quran complete the building of

a number of mosques in Sudan and construct ten Islamic centers in the country at a cost of nearly SR1 million. It also will build three mosques and clinics for the Eritrean refugees here. The League has already paid SR200,000 to the supreme council of mosques in Sudan for the training of imams and scholars.

COMMENT

By Ahmed Hamad Al-Yahya
Al-Bilad

It is a matter of great satisfaction that a number of cement companies are functioning in the country, though they still only fulfill part of the colossal demand for this product.

What I have observed is that the factories continue to concentrate on the production of the ordinary Portland cement, ignoring all other quality cement which is rarely found in the markets. This situation has compelled us to use our foreign exchange for the purchase of other qualities, such as white cement, sulfur cement and instant-drying cement.

I have seen one of our importers placing an order for hundreds of tons of white cement, but still this quantity does not meet the demand of his clients. In consequence, the price of this product has recorded a 400 per cent increase over the price which was prevailing in 1974, while the Portland cement's price could not exceed 100 per cent its previous rate.

There seems to be a monopoly both in foreign and local markets as regards white cement, which is in great demand owing to its many uses. Being milk-white, it has a great possibility of replacing marble sometimes, and also of being used to beautify the exterior and interior of buildings.

While it is true that it is easy to manufacture Portland cement in view of the availability of the raw material locally, I don't think the production of white cement could be very difficult. With long experience in this field, our factories should not find it difficult to produce white cement, even if they have to import special equipment for this purpose. I am convinced they will see a big response from the shareholders whenever they enhance the capital to cover the cost of production of white cement.

We should not wait for the day when the Ministry of Industry exercises its pressure on local factories to produce this material in public interest.

Jubail lube refinery planned

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — A lube refinery is to be set up in Jubail as a joint venture between Petromin and Texaco-Chevron, officials announced here Saturday. A similar plant in Yanbu has been selected as a joint venture between Petromin and a subsidiary of Ashland Oil Inc.

The Jubail refinery, which is expected to go into service in 1986, will have a daily capacity of 12,000 barrels of basic lubricants of high quality, while the 5,000-barrel daily capacity refinery of Yanbu will come under operation

in 1983.

Petromin and Texaco-Chevron will market the product of the Jubail refinery in foreign countries. The joint venture in Yanbu will market its products which will have the characteristic feature of Petromin/Valvoline products.

The decision was taken during a recent meeting of Petromin's board of directors chaired by Sbeikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani,

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Jeddah's Macarona exchange delayed

Girls' schools receive telephones

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 4 — The Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones reported Saturday that in Riyadh District 65 out of 67 girls' schools have now received telephone service, where none existed a year ago. The remaining two schools will be connected shortly, the ministry added in a press statement.

As recently as one year ago, very few girls' schools had any telephone service. Saudi telephone drew up a detailed plan to remedy the problem, the press statement said. Survey teams identified every girls' school in the Kingdom, and engineers and draftsmen outlined a schedule that would provide telephone service to these schools in the most efficient manner possible, the phone company statement added.

In other development, about 300,000 additional telephone lines will be installed by 1983 in the context of the Third Five-year

SPA begins today English service

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 4 — The Saudi Press Agency announced Friday night that an English service will be introduced to its services as of Sunday April 5.

The SPA will transmit in English two periods a day, and every transmission will last one hour. The first starts at 3 p.m. (1200 GMT) and the second at 10 p.m. (1900 GMT). The move aims at fostering relations with English speakers to help them benefit from the agency's services.

The SPA, by adding the English transmission, Arabic and French services, intends to develop its services and expand the range of recipients by increasing the languages in which it transmits.

Between France and Kingdom

Ministers talks focus on trade

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim met with the French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Konita Saturday. Commercial cooperation between the two countries was discussed at the meeting.

Konita arrived in Riyadh Friday on a short visit. He was to open Saturday's French

Development Plan. That will bring the total to 1.2 million telephone lines, making the Kingdom the fastest developing country in this field, according to the posts, telegraph and telephones minister.

Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal said the proportion will be 25 telephone lines per 100 citizens. He said in an interview with *Al Medina* that the PTT ministry plans to secure a telephone line for every citizen to be installed within 24 hours of request, and to repair faults within a few hours.

Dr. Kayyal said that as a result of some problems in the transfer and change of the central exchange twice on Macarona Street, and differences between the PTT Ministry and Jeddah Mayorality, the setting up of the telephone network in that area would be delayed. *Al Medina* also reported.

The network will be completed in the Macarona Street area in about a year, to provide the residents with a telephone network, he added.

Dr. Kayyal said 4,000 telephone lines of Al-Salamah Central Exchange were switched to another central exchange to lessen the pressure on that exchange. He added that his ministry is facing sudden developments in Jeddah, where the ring road has become the city's center. He said the situation is increasing every year, and is depriving the PTT ministry of specific limits on the basis of which it could make plans.

The ministry has maintained a 10 per cent reserve of resources to meet unplanned developments, but the present situation calls for 100 per cent of reserve resources to meet the situation, *Al Medina* added.

Meanwhile, Dr. Kayyal returned to Riyadh Wednesday evening from a one-week official visit to Holland. While in that country, he said Holland understands the Arab view point and changed its stand in dealing with Arab political issues, especially Palestine.

He added that he found Holland appreciated the Kingdom's political and economic

significance in the Arab world. He attributed changes in Holland's policy to the sound decisions and wise policies the Kingdom follows. People and government in Holland have started to recognize our just rights, Dr. Kayyal told *Al Medina*.

Dr. Kayyal said his visit to Holland included inspection of the automatic mail separation system. He added that the PTT ministry is considering the project which will be presented for implementation shortly. It is one of the latest methods and solves problems of delay of letters and manpower shortage.

The automatic separation system will be introduced in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam. The machines separate 700 letters per minute and will improve the postal service so that letters reach their destination in 24 hours, the minister said.

Speaking about the Arab satellite project, Dr. Kayyal said, the Arab countries participating in the project will meet in Amman April 27 and 28 to consider issuing the project as an international tender. Preliminary studies on issuing the tender has been completed, he added.

The Arabsat will be based in Riyadh, and the Kingdom's participation represents 26 per cent of the total cost, Dr. Kayyal said.

He also added that an international tender will be issued for building the fourth ground satellite station in Jeddah. The number of

Prayer Times

Sunday	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.46	4.45	4.16	4.02	4.26	4.55
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.23	12.24	11.56	11.42	12.07	12.36
Asr (Evening)	3.49	3.53	3.24	3.12	3.37	4.08
Maghrib (Sunset)	6.38	6.40	6.12	5.59	6.24	6.55
Isha (Night)	8.08	8.10	7.42	7.29	7.54	8.25

Arab Gulf fund initials papers for UNICEF

Gulf Bureau

MANAMA, April 4 — An agreement to set up the Gulf Development Fund to finance certain projects under the United Nations was initiated here Saturday in the presence of representatives of the Kingdom, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and United Arab Emirates.

Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant United Nations secretary general for UNICEF, described the fund as a great contribution by the Gulf states to the humanitarian activities of the world body.

Before the meeting, Prince Talal said after meeting Bahrain's Sheikh Issa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa that he found understanding, encouragement and assistance to the role of the Gulf Development Fund. Prince Talal told the ruler that representatives of Arab Gulf states were to sign a working paper that outlines the basic principles of the fund. The representatives will also discuss the size of their countries' financial commitments to the Gulf body.

Prince Talal said the Gulf fund will contribute and assist development programs in more than 130 countries through concerned organizations of the United Nations.

The seven-member fund includes Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar. The organization, which was founded in December, will be based here in a house donated by the Bahrain government. Prince Talal earlier made it clear that the organization could not satisfy the demands of all the poor children and their parents, but it would extend finan-



Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz

cial assistance to UNICEF to help do that. "There are 1,300 million children in the world who are considered poor," he said.

Other assistance will be given to UNESCO, WHO, the ILO and others, he said. These agencies will channel aid received from the organization to whatever in the world it is requested.

Earlier in December, King Khaled authorized the payment of more than SR200 million to the fund. Other Gulf governments also pledged to pay into it. Prince Talal expressed his hope that the shares of the member countries would increase and strengthen the fund's services. The present capital of the organization is \$200 million.

Since becoming honorary director of UNICEF, Prince Talal has been canvassing actively the rulers and governments of Arab Gulf states in a drive to collect money for the fund. The results have been excellent, he said earlier. Prince Talal also donated a building in the Nassirya area of Riyadh for the fund's headquarters. He receives a token rent of \$1 per year for the building.

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Storm drains ok'd
DAMMAM, April 4 — The municipality has allocated SR 360 million for water drains during the current year according to the Mayor Zayed bin Fahd Al Sibaihi. He said that an international consulting company is carrying out a feasibility study for the drainage scheme of the city, the main metropolitan center in the Eastern Region.

Overseas civil service office
JEDDAH, April 4 — A civil service recruitment office is expected to be opened in Europe sometime in this year, either in Britain or France to hire expatriates for service in the Kingdom, according to *Al Jazirah* Saturday. The deputy director of the Civil Service Bureau, Othman Ibrahim Al Ahmad, has already contacted British and French officials during his recent visit to the two countries. Many of those recruited will be Arabs living there, he added.

Jeddah gardens increasing
JEDDAH, April 4 — The municipality has already completed 300 parks and gardens of different sizes in the city the last few years, and hopes to bring the number to 1,000 according to Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi, who said that Crown Prince Fahd was intent on providing such facilities in the city. In due course, he said, there should be a little garden for every 500 residents.

Traffic weeks planned
DAMMAM, April 4 (SPA) — Both the Eastern and the Western Regions will organize traffic weeks in two weeks' time, which aim at regulating the traffic and reducing the risks of rash driving. In Jeddah, the traffic department will use the week to clear the city of as many junk cars as possible.

Fishing company markets catch
DAMMAM, April 4 — Five thousand tons of fish has been caught and sold in the Gulf region by the newly-formed Saudi Fishing Company. The fish were marketed here as well as in Jeddah, company sources said. With the arrival of additional boats and equipment soon the company hopes to increase its catch considerably.

Gulf university budget set
MANAMA, April 4 (SPA) — The ministerial committee of the proposed Gulf University approved here Saturday the budget for the next two years which will have to be ratified by the education ministers due to meet in Baghdad. The committees, under Abdul Aziz ibn Khalifa Bahrain's education minister also approved the university plan and program or it.

Al Ghatt to build houses
AL GHATT, April 4 — A new town of an initial 500 houses will be built about five kilometers from here, according to *Al Jazirah* quoting the Governor Sheikh Ibad Al Sudairi. He said that the owners received loans from the Saudi Real Estate Fund while the municipality will provide the infrastructure. Al Ghatt is located in the Central Region.

Books to be exhibited
JEDDAH, April 4 (SPA) — The Umm al Qurra Women's Welfare Society will hold its first book exhibition here under the auspices of Mecca Governor Prince Fayed on Sunday at its headquarters on Prince Fahd Street. The first day will be open only while the rest of the week will be for women only.

Home exhibition. He was met at the airport by Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, deputy minister Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel, and French ambassador to the Kingdom, Michel Drumetz. Zamel and Drumetz also attended the meeting between the two ministers, in addition to the delegation accompanying Konita.

Konita later met with Dr. Fuad Farisi, deputy industry minister. Their talks concentrated on promoting industrial cooperation and joint projects being built in the Kingdom. Dr. Farisi said after the meeting that there are 20 joint projects and 43 others in which French companies are involved. The total invested capital of these projects amounted to SR343 million, the deputy minister added. He said the meeting also discussed bilateral cooperation between the Kingdom and France.

In an arrival statement, Konita said he will discuss with Saudi officials trade and economic relations. He added that he was already satisfied with the way trade relations had developed, but will examine with officials of the Saudi government the ways and means to further them and the possibility of signing agreements in the future.

Dr. Solaim said he hoped the visit would lead to greater trade and economic cooperation whose volume is already big.

Pakistan official to discuss plan for new housing

JEDDAH, April 4 — A new town named after King Faisal will be built in Pakistan, and will be financed by remittances from Pakistani nationals working abroad, according to Pakistan embassy sources here Saturday.

The sources said that the director of the Pakistan state-owned finance corporation, Sayed Azam Ali, arrived here this week to talk about the scheme during the next two weeks.

The town will be built near Lahore and has been designed to hold in initial amount of 360-villa type houses. The residence areas are to be built especially for Pakistanis working abroad, of whom the majority are in the Kingdom. The workers will be able to move into the villas upon repatriation.

The cost of the villas will have to be remitted in hard currency and the government has promised to provide the best possible facilities and infrastructure.

Algoasibi visits Doha

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algoasibi left Riyadh Saturday for Doha on an official visit to Qatar. Dr. Algoasibi will deliver a message from King Khaled to Sheikh Khalifa ibn Hamad Al-Thani, the ruler of Qatar.

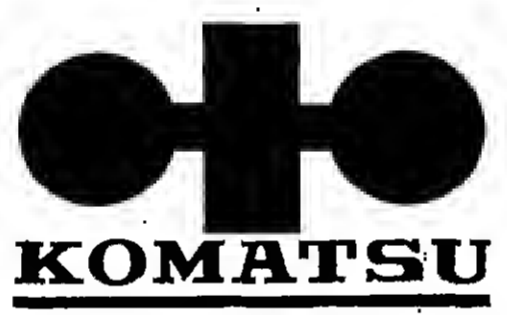
The message deals with the brotherly relations between the two countries, especially in industrial cooperation. Dr. Algoasibi is accompanied by Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, vice-chairman of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC).

The minister said before his departure that the visit would be an opportunity to inspect the industrial achievements of Qatar, especially in steel and petrochemicals, and exchange views on industrial coordination.

Saudia pilots train

SEATTLE, April 4 — Eight Saudi Arabian pilots arrived here for a two-month training course on the new Jumbo planes which Saudia has contracted to buy. The first plane landed in Jeddah Saturday night and was piloted by Saudia General Manager Captain Ahmad Mat-

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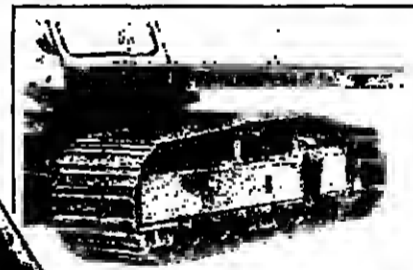
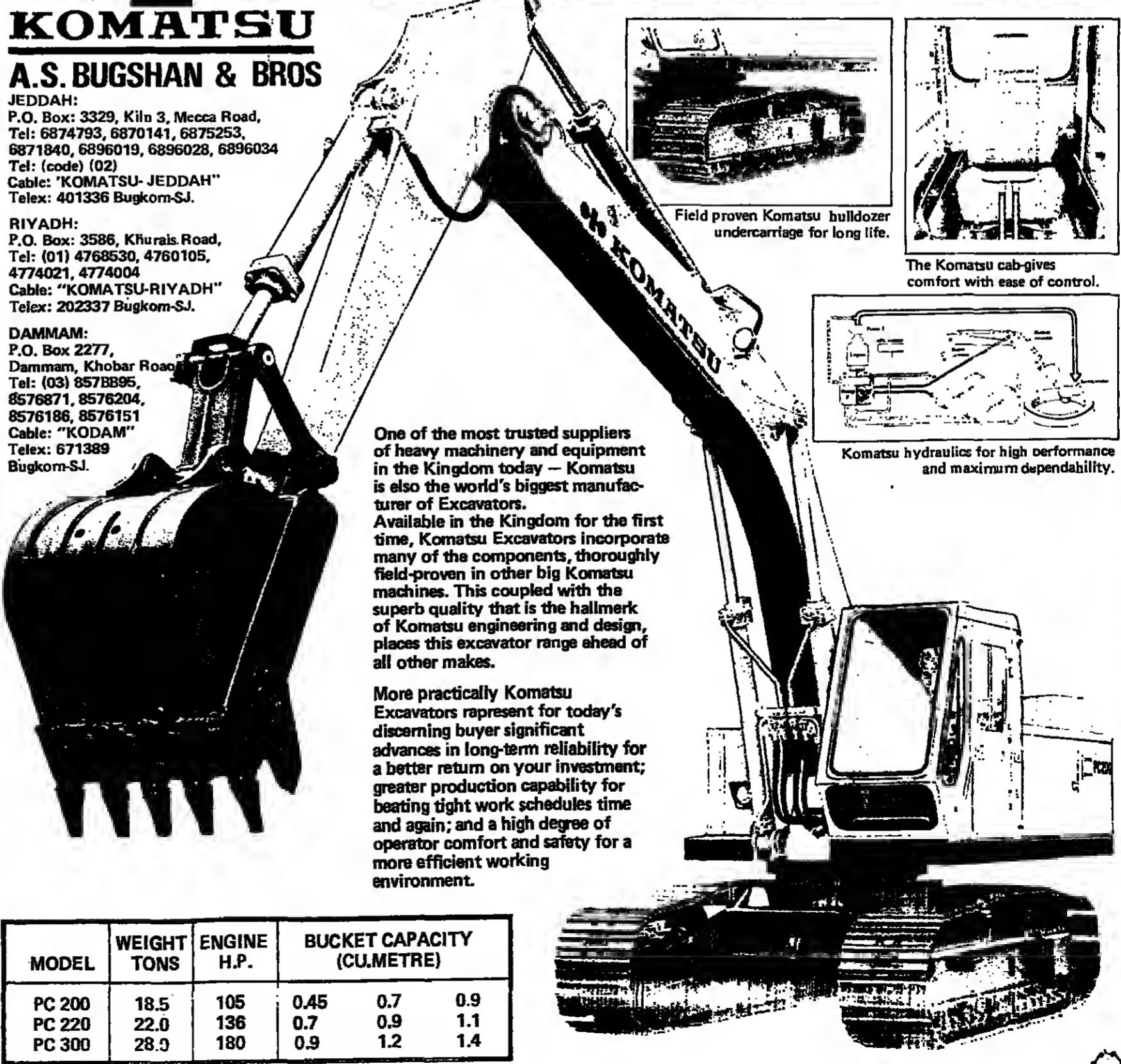


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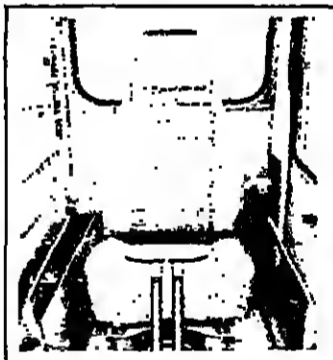
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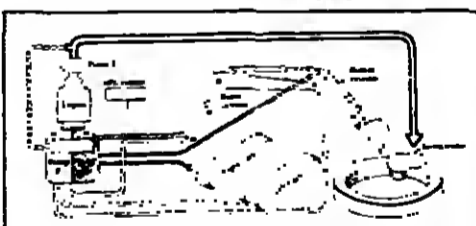
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'Shells falling like rain'

New fighting shatters 10-hour truce in Zahle

BEIRUT, April 4 (Agencies) — Residents in the embattled east Lebanese town of Zahle Saturday spent their fourth successive day trapped in bomb shelters as heavy fighting broke out again following a 10-hour lull.

People in the rightist-held market town contacted by telephone said shells were landing in the center of the city as Phalangist Party militiamen battled troops of the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF).

One man said he had been without water or electricity for four days. "Shells are falling like rain" he told Reuters. ADF tanks and artillery surrounding Zahle, 50 kms east of Beirut, halted their shooting Friday night when a truce was worked out between the two sides.

But intermittent automatic fire went on, and in Beirut there were artillery, mortar and machinegun duels during part of the night. In Zahle, residents said large-scale fighting resumed at dawn and rockets and heavy artillery thundered across the town.

A cameraman of the London-based news film agency Visnews reported from an ADF field base four kms south of Zahle that firing by both sides Saturday morning was continuous. He said the Syrians were using heavy artillery, rockets and tanks. The Phalangists were hitting back with fierce fire.

Local residents said the Phalangist fire was coming from the mountain town of Baskinta, 15 kms north-west of Zahle, where long-range artillery is based.

Smoke from the impact of shells rose from Zahle and surrounding hills. Phalangist snipers prevented all approach to the besieged city.

Meanwhile in South Lebanon, Israeli-backed rightist militia of Saad Haddad threatened in a broadcast on his private radio station to shell the ports of Tyre and Sidon until all military operations against Zahle and east Beirut were stopped. The ports are controlled by Palestinians and Lebanese nationalists.

More than 100 persons are believed to have been killed in the week's violence, among the worst outbreaks in Lebanon since the 1975-76 civil war. The residents of Zahle said they expected serious food shortages if

the fighting continued.

The Syrians have charged that the Phalangists were responsible for the fighting and had timed the outbreak to coincide with a visit to the Middle East of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

The Syrians say the violence is designed to put pressure on Damascus, one of the governments opposed to the Camp David peace accords between Israel and Egypt.

Friday night's fragile ceasefire was agreed after a Lebanese government minister traveled to Syria for talks with President Hafez Assad in Damascus. Works and Transport Minister Elias Hrawi flew by helicopter to the Syrian capital as the Lebanese cabinet met in emergency session to discuss the sudden upsurge in violence.

Damascus radio quoted President Assad as affirming he would do his utmost "to establish security in the fraternal country." An ADF spokesman was later reported as saying a ceasefire had been agreed. But in a statement, the cabinet announced it had decided to keep its session open "to follow up security developments and work toward containing the situation and stabilizing a ceasefire throughout the country."

In Beirut, Lebanese President Elias Sarkis had talks Saturday morning with high-ranking security officials, including the Lebanese commander of the ADF, Sami Khatib, about the crisis. Sarkis also conferred with Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel on the new flareup.

Lebanese Defense Minister Joseph Skaff Saturday urged President Sarkis to send the Lebanese army into Zahle.

In another development, Palestinian commandos said Israeli forces made two abortive attempts to land on the coast of southern Lebanon Friday night. A spokesman for the joint Palestinian nationalist command said the first attempt took place at Wadi Zeina, about 30 kms south of Beirut. The joint forces prevented the landing, he said.

The Israelis later approached Saadiyat, 25 kms from the capital "but were prevented from achieving their aims," the spokesman said.

Iranian women told to cover heads

TEHRAN, April 4 (R) — Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajal Saturday ordered women in government offices to cover their heads at work in a general tightening of Islamic discipline.

In a statement, he told women to wear the Islamic 'hejab', a headscarf pulled low over the forehead, ordered all workers to stop at noon for half an hour of prayer and banned

political posters in government offices except for portraits of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The Ayatollah has castigated women who go to work and many offices refuse entry to women, including foreigners, without head scarves.

Saturday's regulations appeared aimed at stiffening this discipline which has aroused opposition, especially from educated women.



Sayed Ahmad Ghailani

Iran opposes Iraqi candidacy For U.N. posts

UNITED NATIONS, April 4 (Agencies) — Iran has opposed Iraq's candidacies for president of the U.N. General Assembly and member of the U.N. Human Rights Commission on grounds that Iraq's war on Iran disqualified it for election to either post.

In a statement given to all U.N. members March 25 and made public Friday the Iranian government said "the Iraqi army is presently entrenched within Iranian territory in an obvious act of aggression" and in defiance of U.N. Charter principles of non-use of force and respect for human rights.

The statement, sent out by charge d'Affaires Jamal Shemirani of Iran's U.N. mission, asked: "How can a personality nominated and backed by such a government defend the charter of the United Nations as president of the General Assembly, and how can this government represent the awakened conscience of mankind in the commission of human rights?"

Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister Ismat T. Kitani is running for president of next fall's 36th General Assembly session against Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam and U.N. ambassador Khwaja Muhammad Kaiser of Bangladesh and Tommy T.B. Koh of Singapore. Asian delegates here will meet to nominate one of them. The candidate they agree on is sure to win, since this year it is Asia's turn in the presidency.

Iraq also seeks re-election to the Human Rights Commission at a session of the economic and social council scheduled here April 14-May 8.

Iran also accused the United States Friday of being responsible for sales of Egyptian arms to Iraq. The official news agency Pars said Iran "considers that the United States, not Egypt, is the source of the weapons delivered to Iraq." It added that an Iraqi military mission was currently visiting Cairo.

BRIEFS

ATHENS, (R) — Bombs exploded and caused extensive damage to two cars belonging to U.S. military personnel at a American airbase at Athens early Saturday a police spokesman said. There were no casualties.

MADAGASCAR, (R) — President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria arrived in Madagascar Friday from Mozambique for talks with President Didier Ratsiraka. Political sources said the price of Algerian oil exports to Madagascar was expected to be among subjects of the discussions.

Struggle to protect Islam Afghans seek arms to throw out invaders

By Abdul Salam Y. Massarrah Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 4 — "The fight by the Mujahedeen in Afghanistan is not for the sake of Afghanistan. It is a struggle to protect Islam from the menace of the big 'Big Bear' Russia. It is the duty of all freedom-loving countries to give the fighters the maximum aid on time so that the war could be won," said Sayed Ahmad Ghailani, head of the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan, here recently.

Ghailani was in Washington to meet with U.S. officials and Congressional leaders. The trip was coordinated with the Committee for Free Afghanistan, a project of the Council for Defense of Freedom, supported by the American Security Council, the National Defense Council and the Conservative Caucus.

Ghailani who met the U.S. leaders pleaded with them for the supply of all kinds of light arms, especially weapons against helicopters and anti-tank weapons. He explained to them that the Afghan revolution was a struggle against the Soviet forces inside the country. He stressed the fact that it was a fight against oppression and every free country should give the Mujahedeen ammunition, arms, money clothing and medicine because "they need everything."

The freedom fighter thanked the Arab and Islamic countries for their help but all the money sent so far had gone for aiding the fighters who had migrated to Pakistan and the refugees there. He wanted "military assistance" from them for "this great war of liberation." He said the fighters inside Afghanistan are united and the differences pertain only to the way Afghanistan should be ruled. Some want to establish a dictatorial rule, influenced by political parties, whereas the others want that this matter should be left to the people of Afghanistan, so that the people can choose their own political system based on democratic principles.

He recalled that the struggle against the Russians is based, first of all, on religion and second on love for the country. He was very much pleased with the political resolution adopted by the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) at Taif recently. He added the "resolutions were great and we are very pleased with the Arab and Islamic countries, especially the position of Saudi Arabia and the position of Prince Fahd, the Crown Prince, and the position of Prince Faisal, the foreign minister. We cannot forget the stand of the Islamic countries."

Ghailani said the Mujahedeen had liberated three-quarters of the country from the hands of the enemy "using our bare hands." He is seeking arms now from all, so that the

Russians "will not overpower us. Such an overpowering would not affect the Afghan people alone. It will be like conquering the Islamic world," he said.

Ghailani also gave shocking details of how the Russians are trying to penetrate every walk of life in Afghanistan. "The Russians are using their utmost effort and energy to completely control all of Afghanistan. They are destroying the countryside, the villages and towns and they murder everyone who stands in their way, including elderly women and children. They also burn farms and exert their utmost pressure to control the country."

He said that the Russians have been mercilessly using poisonous bombs and napalm, besides sophisticated weapons to annihilate defenseless civilian population. The Mujahedeen are not able to confront the Russians openly as they have no arms. Further, the Russians are far more in number. So the best strategy is the hit-and-run tactics for "we can't expose the Mujahedeen to grave danger."

This tactics, the fighters have killed more than 10,000 Russians in one year, besides damaging a number of tanks and weapons, he added. In fact, many of the seized arms are being used by the Mujahedeen, he added. Ghailani said that there are 100,000 fighters under arms, and with more weapons, this number could be doubled. The fighters are itching to wipe out the Russians who have committed many immoral acts against their women. Some of them are addicted to drugs.


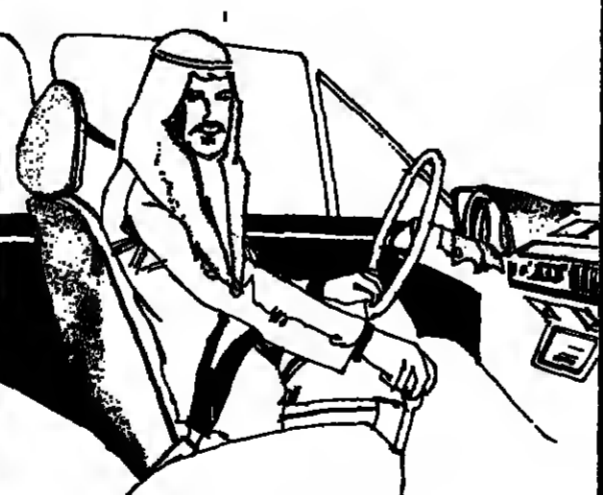
Ghailani said the Afghans are prepared to provide any number of people to fight the Russians as they are the "enemy of Islam." "And if the Russians succeed in staying in Afghanistan, it will be a means to continue their expansion, to destroy Islam and the Arabian Gulf."

Ghailani called upon the Arab and Islamic countries to "sacrifice because God instructed us to make sacrifices and struggle — with money and people —" This is mentioned in the Holy Koran, he said.

Qom bomb planted by young woman


TEHRAN, April 4 (AFP) — One of two bombs that exploded Friday at Qom's Great Mosque, injuring 40 persons, was hidden inside a tape recorder. Left in an adjoining pastry shop, the newspaper Mizan reported Saturday. The device was left by a young woman who said she had no money, and offered to leave her tape recorder until she could pay for her purchases, the newspaper said quoting a witness. The tape recorder exploded a few minutes afterward, the report said.

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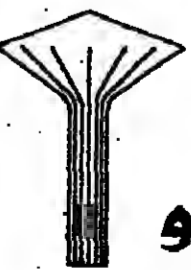
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Greece studying proposal

Soviets offer to ban N-arms

ATHENS, April 4 (AP) — The Greek Foreign Ministry is studying a reported offer by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to sign an agreement barring Soviet use of atomic weapons against Greece if Greece pledges to ban such weapons from its own soil, informed sources have said.

The left-leaning daily *Ta Nea* reported that Brezhnev made the offer to its editor last Monday in Moscow. Brezhnev stated at the recent 26th Soviet Communist Party congress that the Soviet Union would never use nuclear weapons against a non-nuclear power, and the editor asked him what guarantee he would give.

"We are ready at any time to sign a special agreement with any non-nuclear country, among which Greece is included, if that country in its turn undertakes the obligation not to establish nuclear weapons on its soil," Brezhnev was quoted as responding.

There has been no official comment so far on the newspaper report. The Greek gov-

ernment has never confirmed or denied that there are nuclear arms in this country. Leftist opposition leaders have consistently claimed that U.S. nuclear weapons are located in Greece.

Meanwhile, an authoritative source said in Athens Friday that the Greek government hopes that negotiations with the United States on the future status and operation of American military bases in Greece will be completed by early May despite existing differences. The source said Greece expected the agreement to be signed and submitted to Parliament before the summer recess.

The talks which began here on Oct. 29 between Foreign Ministry officials and American diplomats are based on an agreement initiated in 1977 but never signed. Under this agreement Greece would have received \$700 million in U.S. aid over four years in return for the bases.

But the Greek government has said it now considers this amount inadequate and that a

similar agreement between the United States and Turkey will be into consideration during the talks. The source said the talks had now entered a crucial phase and there had been some progress. It added, however, that differences existed "on various issues, including the issue of the commander of the base, the balance of power between Greece and Turkey, a U.S. guarantee of Greece's boundaries in the Aegean and the use of the bases solely for NATO purposes."

Greece has repeatedly stated that it will allow the operation of the four major U.S. bases, two in Attica and two in the island of Crete, only if they serve NATO purposes and Greece's defense requirements. It also wants them to be under Greek command.

Greece is also anxious that the present balance of power between Greece and Turkey, at odds over territorial rights in the Aegean, be maintained. It is also seeking American guarantees that the present boundaries in the Aegean are not forcibly changed.

Haig's job said to be in jeopardy

WASHINGTON, April 4, (R) — Alexander Haig's behavior after President Ronald Reagan was wounded by a would-be assassin has prompted press speculation that the secretary of state may not keep his job for long. The press attention springs from Haig's controversial statement immediately after the shooting last Monday that he was in control at the White House.

Making the statement on television from the presidential mansion, the former NATO commander perspired profusely, spoke in a quavering voice and seemed near to tears. Many people said they were far from reassured by the performance that the government was continuing to function while the president was being operated on for the removal of a bullet.

New York Times columnist William Safire wrote that "millions saw the 'supposedly in control' of the government not wholly in control of himself." Political commentators Germond and Jules Witcover writing in *The Washington Star*, said several factors suggested that Haig's job may be in serious jeopardy.

Germond and Witcover quoted a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as saying he had heard from the State Department itself that Haig was now viewed as "damaged goods." Haig appeared on television "as not only extraordinarily gasping but as personally unsettled," the columnist wrote. "That is not a politically healthy image for a secretary of state."

Haig, a retired general and chief of staff in the Nixon White House during the tense final months of the Watergate scandal, also asserted incorrectly that he was third in command after the President and Vice President George Bush. He is actually fourth in line of succession.

France to set up 2 nuclear plants in South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea, April 4 (AP) — Three agreements were signed Saturday between France and South Korea on peaceful uses of nuclear energy, economic cooperation, and scientific and technical cooperation. Signing for their countries were visiting French-Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet and South Korean Foreign Minister Lho Shin-Yong.

The nuclear energy accord will guarantee the supply of two atomic power plants and nuclear fuel by France to South Korea. Framatome of France last year agreed to build two nuclear power stations here, and Cogema, also a French concern, has won a contract to supply natural and enriched uranium to South Korea. Francois-Poncet was to leave Seoul later Saturday after a four-day official visit, the first by a French foreign minister to this country.

He said his government will seek to make economic advances in other countries in joint ventures with South Korea on the basis of "sophisticated French technologies" and South Korea's "excellent economic potentials."

Ex-Labor M.P. dies

LONDON, April 4 (AP) — James William Owen, a former Labor member of the British parliament who was cleared of spying for Czechoslovak agents 11 years ago, died late Friday, aged 80. British press reports said Saturday. He quit his seat in parliament one month before the trial in 1970 but had said long before that he would be resigning because of ill-health.

Shuttle blastoff Friday

Astronauts kept in quarantine

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, April 4 (AP) — Two astronauts scheduled to go up in space were in limited quarantine Saturday so they wouldn't come down with anything before the space shuttle *Columbia* blasts off next week. The countdown for the maiden launch of America's first reusable spacecraft is to begin at 11:30 p.m. EST Sunday (0430 GMT Monday) when launch director George Page issues a "call to stations" to workers on the launch pad and in the control center. The shuttle is scheduled to blast off at 6:50 a.m. (1150 GMT) on April 10.

Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen planned to leave their quarantine trailers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston during the weekend to practise various phases of the flight in a shuttle simulator. Young and Crippen and their understudies, Joe Engle and Richard Truly, were placed in medical quarantine Friday, a standard practice for

astronauts the week before a flight. The astronauts and the back-up crew are scheduled to fly to Cape Canaveral Wednesday to prepare for the launch. Young and Crippen are to ride *Columbia* into orbit for 36 trips around the earth in 54½ hours. The trip is envisioned as an engineering flight to check out all the systems of the revolutionary spacecraft, the first built to land on earth like an airplane. The shuttle is designed to ferry people and equipment into space.

The landing is to be on a large dry lake bed at Edwards Air Force Base in California, where there is plenty of margin for error. After four test flights, officials expect to have *Columbia* land on a Cape Canaveral runway. Launch director Page and other officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration meet Sunday to assess all aspects of the mission before giving the go-ahead for the countdown to start.



Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

Indo-British summit set

NEW DELHI, April 4 (AP) — Two of the world's leading stateswomen, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, plan a summit here in mid-April. Officials finalizing the arrangements said Saturday British-Indian policy talks would start with Mrs. Thatcher's arrival April 15 on an official visit and continue the next day, with the two leaders also meeting at night banquets.

Mrs. Thatcher, a strong critic of Kremlin policies, is expected to warn Mrs. Gandhi about Soviet expansionism while the Indian leader registers opposition to planned U.S. arms sales to Pakistan and to the U.S. naval presence in the Indian Ocean and at the U.S.-British base at Diego Garcia. Mrs.

Gandhi is also expected to voice concern about British immigration and citizenship policies that India maintains discriminate against people of Indian origin.

Mrs. Thatcher is scheduled to conclude her visit to the Indian capital with a news conference April 17, then fly to Bombay for visits to India's main atomic research center and meetings with Indian industrialists. On April 19, the British Prime Minister will leave India to visit Saudi Arabia and other countries in the Middle East. Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Gandhi last met at the funeral last year of President Tito of Yugoslavia. Mrs. Thatcher has been to India twice, once as a Tory government minister and once as opposition leader.

Quake fears allayed

Chinese leave Hong Kong waters

HONG KONG, April 4 (AP) — Some 4,500 Chinese who fled two counties in south China in fear of a possible disastrous earthquake have left for home following warnings from the Hong Kong government that they would be forcibly repatriated. They sailed into Hong Kong waters Tuesday and Wednesday in a flotilla of 90 fishing junks from the nearby fishing counties of Hai Fung and Lu Fung after widespread rumors that an intense earthquake was imminent in their area.

A government spokesman said the majority of the panic-stricken Chinese sailed home Saturday in 71 boats while the rest returned to their counties Thursday. Authorities here had issued an ultimatum ordering them to leave. Government

sources said their departure was also prompted by Chinese assurances that there are no indications of a major earthquake in coastal areas of the South China Sea.

China's domestic news agency reported things have returned to normal in the two counties bordering on each other and urged the fleeing Chinese to return home to participate in production. The report also assured them no punitive action will be taken against them upon their return.

The report said the "panic" exodus was triggered by "rumor mongers." Because of the rumors, the report said, some 6,000 persons in the two counties fled to sea on March 30. It said some of them have returned and started "working as usual."

Protest strikes continue

Soldiers patrol Belize City

BELIZE CITY, April 4 (AP) — Soldiers armed with anti-riot gear patrolled this tense city Friday as a majority of government workers stayed out on strike to protest an independence agreement for this British colony being negotiated with Britain and Guatemala.

One Belizean policeman was killed when his gun accidentally went off during a riot Wednesday, authorities said. Other unconfirmed reports said three more persons were killed and several more injured in three days of rioting this week, but government officials refused to confirm this.

British governor James Hennessy imposed a state of emergency late Thursday. The emergency measure allows police to arrest people without warrant, and prohibits persons from carrying firearms even if they have permits. To prevent looting, persons carrying merchandise on the street must prove ownership when stopped by police.

Britain retains control of foreign affairs, defense and internal security of this otherwise self-ruled colony. Squads of Belizean soldiers, buttressed by a few British troops, patrolled the streets of Belize City, the capital of Belmopan and other communities in jeeps and on foot. They were armed with sub-machine guns, clubs, and riot guns designed to shoot non-lethal rubber bullets.

Belize City and Belmopan were hit by intermittent power cuts Thursday and early Friday, and Belize City's airport was shut for hours because of power failures. Strikers include communication, postal and treasury workers. Municipal services in many communities were manned by skeleton staffs.

The workers and the chamber of commerce called the strike Tuesday to demand an immediate popular vote on an independence draft-proposal worked out by Premier George Price with Britain and Guatemala.

Price's government has agreed to a referendum on the treaty, which would give Guatemala access to the Caribbean through Belizean waters, but wants to wait until final details are settled. The opposition wants the

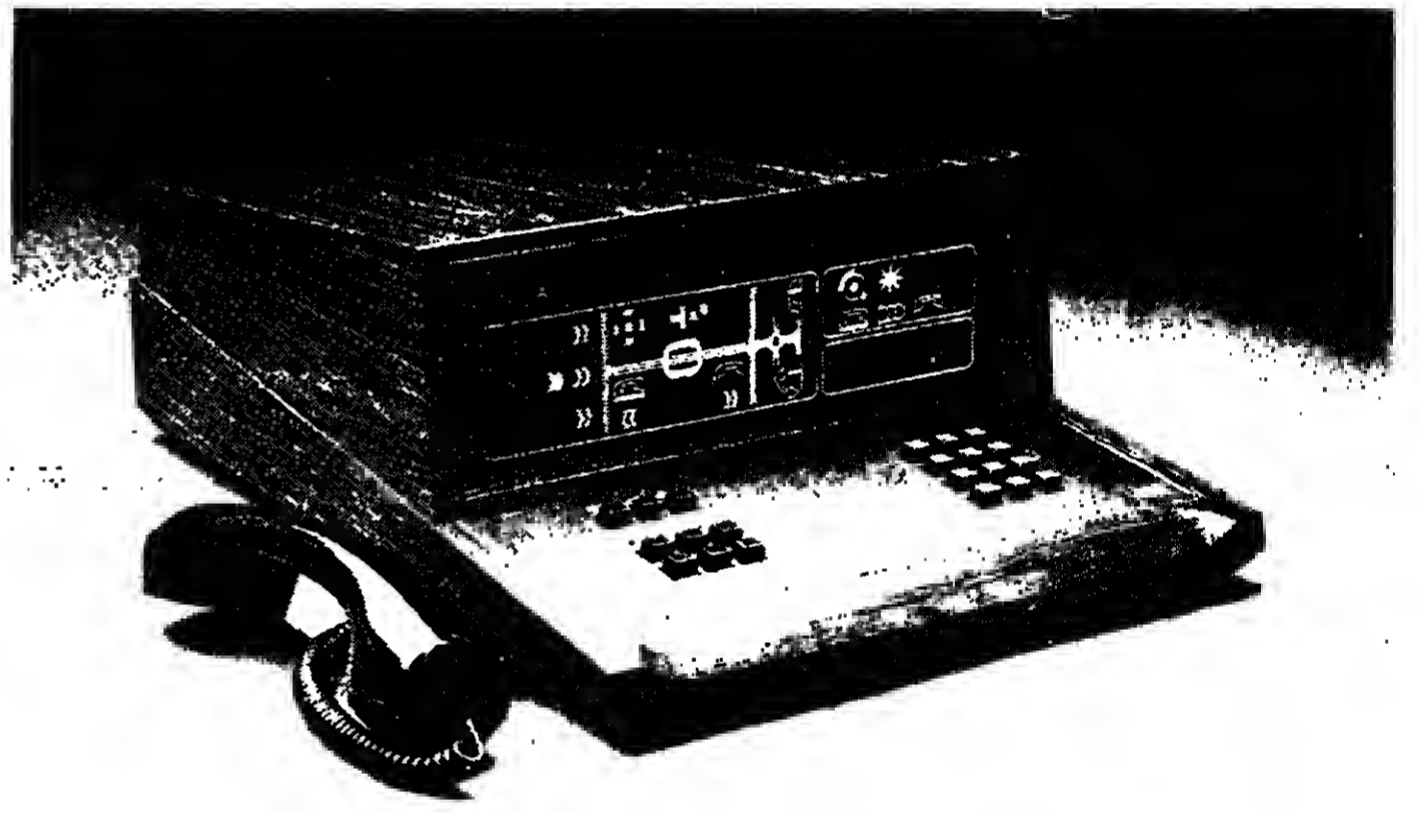
referendum held before the agreement is concluded. Guatemala has long claimed this territory, which also borders with Mexico, as its own but recently agreed to drop the claim if given access to the coast.

The still secret draft agreement will also assure that Belize would not be used as a base for forces hostile to Guatemala. Britain has kept an estimated 2,000 troops stationed in Belize to discourage any Guatemala invasion. It has also organized and trained a Belizean self-defense force.

Mexican government officials restricted overland travel into Belize through the border city of Chetumal after pro-and anti-government demonstrators clashed in the Belizean town of Corozal. The Guatemalan government also closed its border with Belize on Wednesday, suspending all overland traffic through the Peten area.

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South Africa blacks skeptical about elections

By Rob Batsford

JOHANNESBURG —

One of the main issues in the campaign for South Africa's forthcoming election is government policy toward the 20-million strong non-white population — the majority who themselves have no vote.

One aim of ruling National Party politicians is to allay the fears of right-wing supporters that plans to dilute apartheid (racial separation) will undermine white authority. Pre-campaign speeches — such as Prime Minister P. W. Botha's oft-quoted "adapt or die" call 18 months ago — have been overshadowed by more militant promises that white supremacy will be maintained.

Fearing a white backlash that could see some National Party seats lost to opposition parties, government ministers have set about reassuring conservative supporters that ethnic differentiation will remain. The blacks themselves, some what disinterested spectators of the campaign, view this as a common tactic by the National Party at election time.

The *Sowetan*, the country's leading black newspaper, expressed it thus: "It is unfortunate that every time there is an election, we have to go through this painful exercise of being told in no uncertain terms that we do not belong to South Africa, that there is no future for us here, and our sweat and toil are all in vain."

Chief Gatsba Buthelezi, leader of 5 million Zulus, commented: "They are still bogged down in the political marshes of selfishness where they are debating among themselves about blacks, but not with blacks." Most blacks see the April 29 election as an irrelevant game being played by the 4.5 million white minority that will have little or no beneficial effect on the rest of the population.

The respected Soweto-based black leader Nthato Motlana said: "There is no way immigrants from Europe are going to make me and my people foreigners in our own land. Whatever happens, the future will be decided by the millions of black workers who remain in South Africa."

Dr. Motlana was referring to the government's homeland policy under which small chunks of the country are handed to different black ethnic groups declared independent states. This has happened in three places so far: Transkei (1976), Bophuthatswana (1977), and Venda (1979). A fourth, Ciskei, is scheduled for independence in December this year. None of these states is recognized internationally.

It is under this policy that the National Party argues there will be majority rule eventually — although the majority will be mainly white. Under the plan, another four areas are earmarked for independence. Should that come about, some 13.5 million indigenous blacks will have been hived off — or, as a national party commentator put it more circumpectly they will "acknowledge a political sovereignty other than that of South Africa."

The 2.5 million coloreds (mixed race) and nearly one million Asians are indigenous to no particular area but, the National Party argument goes, they are represented on the president's council, the policy advisory body established at the beginning of this year. There are no blacks on the council.

Thus the plan would mean the number of those represented at some level of government would outnumber those (the remaining three million or so blacks) who were not. The argument has failed to impress non-whites. "A futile, childish, meaningless exercise," was how Dr. Nthato described it.

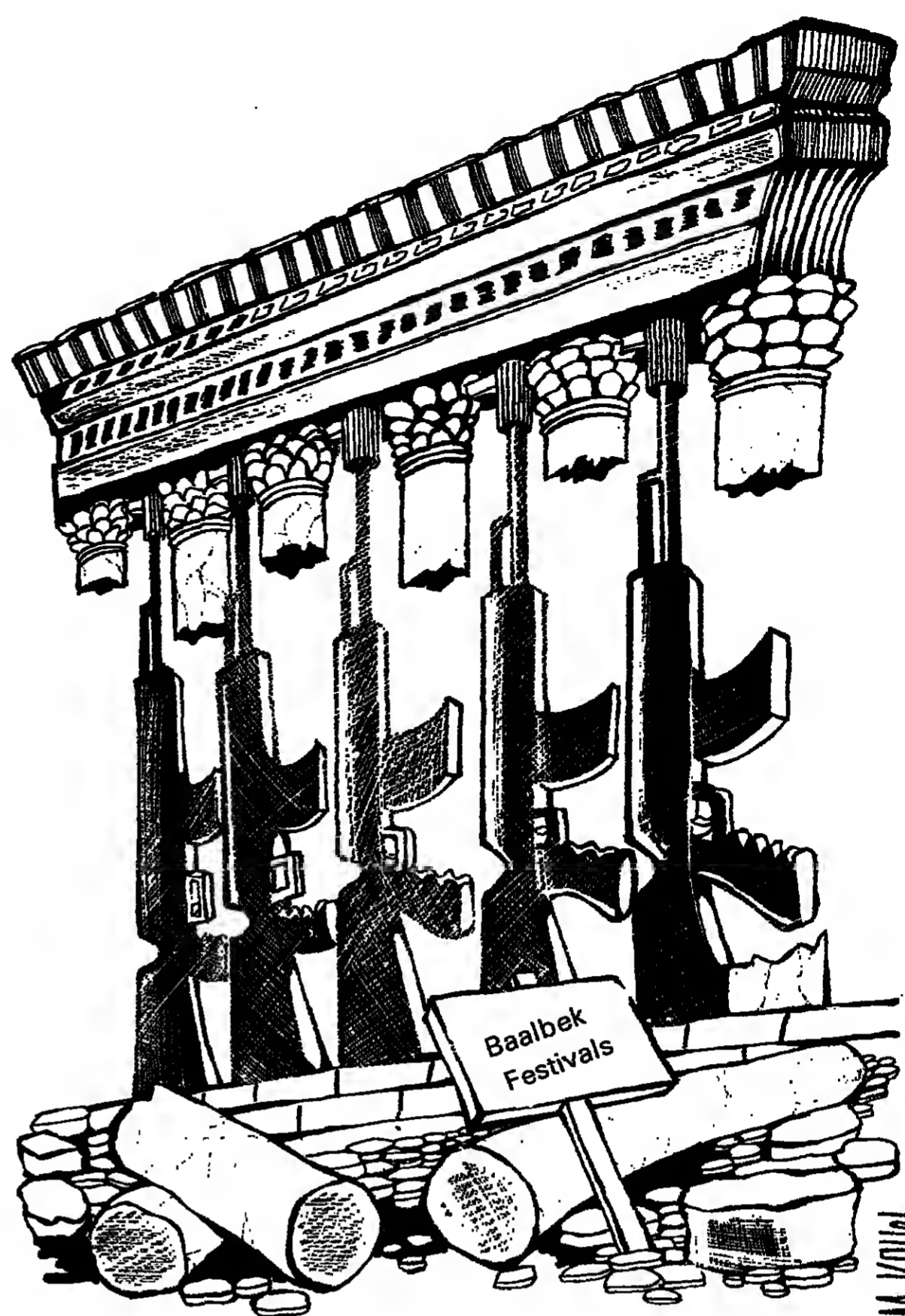
Many leading coloreds, still bitter at being disenfranchised 30 years ago under the National Party's "grand design" of apartheid, have sided with the blacks and refused to participate in government bodies such as the president's council. Nor has National Party talk about separate colored and Asian parliaments impressed the two population groups. Colored Labor Party leader David Curry said this election campaign had made it clear the government had no intention of offering colored people any genuine political future.

"It is quite clear from what they say that the white parliament will be sovereign and will be the only true parliament in South Africa," he said. "The so-called colored and Asian parliaments will just be a resurrection of the old colored representative council and the Indian council, dressed up in another form."

No one in this country expects the election to bring a change of government and chief Buthelezi predicted another landslide victory for the National Party. He said liberal use would be made by Mr. Botha and his colleagues of a "swart vaar" (black danger) platform to persuade voters to stay with the National Party and protect white privilege.

The *Sowetan* newspaper commented: "While all this politicking goes on, black anger keeps rising. For how long we are going to be used as pawns in the white political game. We don't know."

National Party campaigners are tramping the countryside to assure their followers it will be a very long time indeed. (R)



The real threat to Turkey's survival

By Robert Little

Recent trials and investigations in Europe and Turkey since the takeover of power by the military junta last November have been bringing to light for the first time some of the subtle methods by which the country's social and political institutions have been progressively undermined as part of the program of Moscow's International Communist conspiracy.

Unlike what most of the Turkish authorities at first believed, the real threat to the Republic's future survival has not been from within its own territorial borders, but extremely, mainly, it appears, through the two million expatriate workers who for economic reasons were forced to leave their homes and villages in the impoverished areas of Central Anatolia to find work in the relatively prosperous industrial towns and cities of Western Europe.

Which at first glance might seem to suggest a perverse touch of irony that it should be from within the veritable heartlands and cradle of modern capitalism that the seeds of a possible future Marxist revolution in Asia Minor were (and presumably still are) being sown? The truth of the matter however is, even allowing for every exaggeration by the Turkish government, I personally have first-hand evidence that a great deal of what is being alleged is true.

The evidence I have for this claim came to light a little more than five months ago when, during a visit to West Germany for Arab News to interview the former Chancellor Willy Brandt on the publication of his North-South Commission report with the Turkish photographer who was accompanying me we had an unusual and enlightening experience at Cologne railway station. Why we happened to be in Cologne was because since we are required to change trains there during our journey from Bonn en route to Brussels (where I was due to a further interview for the paper with the then president of the EEC Council of Ministers, Gaston Thorn) my photographer Ali Ozluer decided to spend a few

hours taking pictures of some of this ancient city's historic sites. Our unusual encounter with the great Communist conspiracy began when we were approached as we were checking train departures for Brussels from the information charts displayed on the station concourse. From behind us a voice speaking Turkish inquired where we wished to go and if he could be of any assistance.

On looking round there was this rather well-dressed young man in his mid-twenties who, his thick, dark moustache, was obviously of Turkish nationality. After Ali had explained to this stranger (whose name we later learned was Orhan) the reason for our being in Cologne he kindly, though rather unnecessarily as we were using taxis, offered to act as our temporary guide.

Orhan, we learned was employed in the city on construction work and, as he explained, "did a little bit of journalism" himself. After finishing taking the pictures he offered to take us for a cup of coffee and a meal to a friendly cafe that he knew. After seeing the posters around the walls showing portraits of Marx and Lenin and others carrying slogans denouncing "The fascist government of Demirel" (the then Turkish prime minister) it was not hard to see what the politics of our helpful companions was. "The organization's name it was explained to us was 'The Solidarity Committee for Democracy in Turkey'."

And, of course, like all Communist front organizations of that kind, democracy as the free world understands it was the last thing Orhan and his friends had in mind. But pause for a moment and think how you would begin to explain that to some semi-illiterate Anatolian peasant arriving in the city for the first time, alone and friendless? For as we further learned during our discussions our meeting at the railway station with Orhan was no casual accident. As we were to discover the real success of recruiting converts to the Communist cause by The Solidarity Committee... etc. was through its welfare work. Imagine if you can the feelings of isolation and

loneliness of the uneducated country peasant finding himself deposited in a strange country, unable to speak or understand a word of the language around him, and having to deal with all the intricacies of sophisticated, heartless bureaucracy? Then also comes every-belpful, fellow-countryman Orhan and his friends who, with their Istanbul or Ankara academy education and knowledge of the local language, can solve many of his problem overnight.

It is one of those strange anomalies of life that almost every large city in the world is the railway station that acts as a focal point for the lonely expatriates who, like moths to a candle, are drawn to them in the hope of making contact with fellow outsiders. For the semi-professional revolutionaries they are a continuous source of willing recruits.

As for the mainly untaught recruits themselves soon they will be heard reciting the familiar Marxist clichés as they join with their rent-a-mob "comrades" to demonstrate against whatever it is the current party-line is opposing. If the new member shows any signs of intelligent promise he or she will be moved, usually through East Berlin, into Communist bloc country for special training.

Then when the once untutored former agricultural laborer returns to his native Turkey it is as a fully-fledged cadre equipped and financed to take on his or her new role "to liberate Turkey from the fascists". It is not difficult to see why his old friends and acquaintances back home should rally round their new-found champion of "liberty, equality and democracy". "Isn't Orhan/Mustafa/Osman etc. one of us?" you will hear them say. "He knows our problems because didn't he work in fields with us before going to Germany to become educated and successful?"

How can you then explain to these simple, hard-working, honest people that they are being used as helpless pawns in a political power game that is seeking to engulf them with a totalitarian ideology which is totally alien to all of their cultural and religious beliefs? Maybe the new government in Ankara can find an answer.

POLES ALONE

Increased Soviet troop activity near the Polish borders has brought the specter of outright invasion and occupation of that country closer to reality. It will be naive to believe that anything short of a major war can stop them. The Soviets had done it before in East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, with impunity. Only Tito's Yugoslavia stood up to them and called their bluff. The others succumbed because the alternative was to them too awesome to contemplate.

So it may be anticipated with a fair amount of accuracy that when the political situation inside this satellite state becomes untenable for the ruling party, which is in fact no more than a local intermediary for Moscow, the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact armed forces will march into the country to subdue it by force. The brave men of Solidarity and the indomitable spirit of the Polish people will be simply no match for the thousands of Soviet tanks trundling down the length and breadth of the country.

But a Soviet invasion will constitute one of the most damning verdicts on the communist system of government and life. It will prove Milovan Djilas' conclusion that Communism is a hollow doctrine, anathema to human nature whatever its outward successes like Soviet military power might suggest. It claims, falsely as the East Europeans have shown, that it is the movement of the downtrodden masses that it was created to improve the lot of the poorest people, the farmers and workers, that it is the revolution of the proletariat. Well, it is not. The East European workers and farmers are still poor and powerless. The proletariat is just a name with no political clout. Solidarity, the real grassroots proletariat has been treated as if it is made up of enemies of the state.

Thirty five years after the end of World War II, the Communist system in Soviet-dominated Europe has demonstrated its failure to live up to its slogans. The people are poorer than those in the free world, have less freedom to enjoy, little or no choice of leadership and are denied the right of travel. Poland is riddled with debts, to the Western countries and banks that the Soviet press is still describing as "dirty" and without further infusions of such "dirty" money it stands very little chance of survival.

The Poles are in a bad shape. They cannot depend on outside powers to help them even if they choose to resist a possible invasion. Nobody went to the rescue of Dubcek and his Prague Spring. None saved the Hungarians from the tanks that asphalted them with the earth. None will dare fight for the Poles without upsetting the delicate balance of power between Moscow and Washington.

It is in line with the brutal nature of things today that the Poles, the downtrodden masses, stand alone to face the full might of the Communist war machine. They will be misled to expect anything else.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Al Riyadh, Al Bilad and Al Jazirah Saturday led with the grim situation prevailing in Lebanon as a result of Zionist onslaughts. Al Medina said in a lead story that King Khaled will dedicate the new King Abdul Aziz airport in Jeddah April 12. In a lead story, Okaz quoted U.S. State Department sources as saying that Secretary of State Alexander Haig would discuss with King Hussein of Jordan the possibility of Amman's role as mediator between Baghdad and Washington. Al Nadwa gave lead prominence to U.S. President Reagan's health quoting his doctors as saying there was a rise in the president's temperature.

In a front-page story, Al Nadwa reported that the non-aligned goodwill mission was to meet in New Delhi Saturday to explore a solution to the Iraq-Iran armed conflict. Newspapers front page Washington's approval of the sale of AWACS aircraft to Saudi Arabia. Al Medina gave page one coverage to a statement by Minister of P.T.T. Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, in which he said that during his recent visit to Holland, he noticed that Holland has a better understanding of the Arab issue as a result of diplomatic efforts of the Kingdom in explaining the Arab case.

Bangladesh President Zia-ur-Rabman's announcement that he would carry new ideas to the forthcoming meeting of the Jerusalem Committee in Rabat figured prominently on the front page of Okaz, which also quoted him as saying that the Islamic goodwill committee's continuous efforts must bring positive results in ending the conflict

between Iraq and Iran. Newspaper editorials discussed the efforts of the goodwill committee, Haig's visit to the Middle East, the situation in Lebanon and the general political situation in the countries of the Third World. Al Medina noted in an editorial that every Muslim is hopeful that both Iraq and Iran would respond favorably to the goodwill committee's call for a ceasefire and would also help it in supervising the withdrawal of their forces and demarcating the international boundaries. Since Iran insists on making it clear as to who had started the fighting the committee has proposed the setting up of a court with Muslim judges to decide on the matter, the paper said and hoped that this process would bring an end to the tragedy which has estranged the two Islamic states.

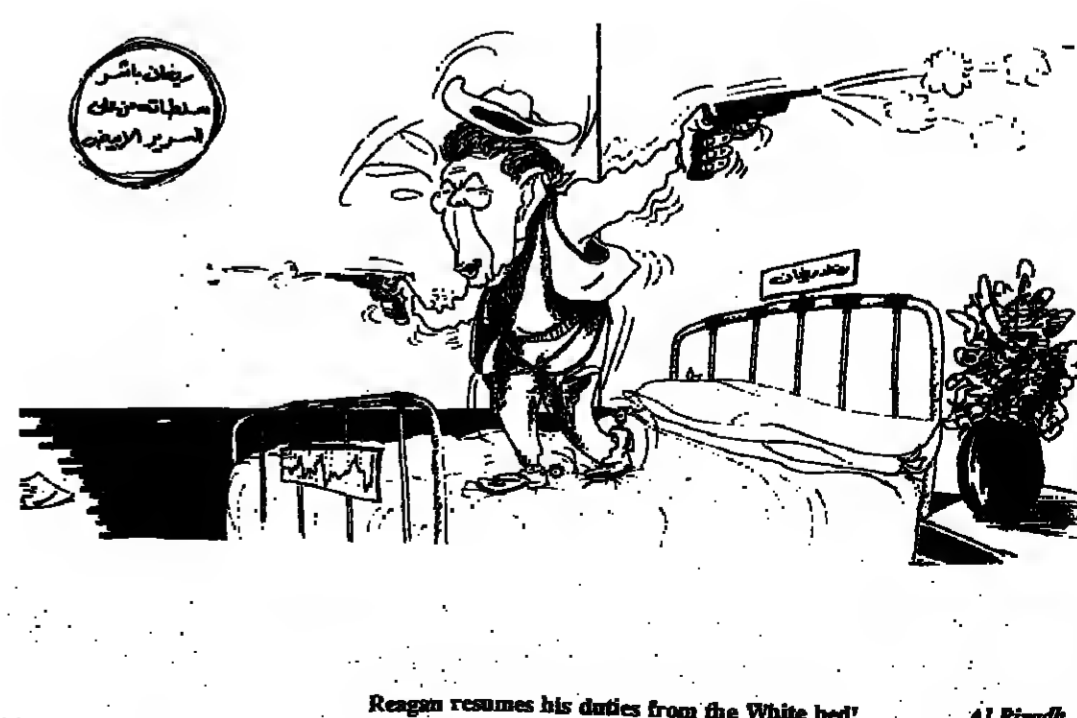
Al Nadwa endorsed the Guinean President's view and stressed the need for initiating a peaceful dialogue in the presence of neutral parties which are really anxious to see an end to the bloody conflict between Iraq and Iran. But all this should be done after a ceasefire between them, so that a meaningful dialogue could take place under peaceful conditions, the paper added.

Concerned with the deteriorating security situation in Lebanon, Al Riyadh observed that, after talks about the possibility of holding a dialogue between the Phalangists and authorities in Damascus, Israel had started moving rapidly to impede any conciliation between the two parties and to bring them close to a new flare-up afresh. Amid Europe's and

America's preoccupation with the murder attempt on President Reagan's life, the paper said, Israel found a good opportunity to escalate the situation exploiting the rift between the Arab peace-keeping forces and the Lebanese regular army. The parties concerned had pinned great hopes on the recent Syro-Lebanese summit meeting, but Israel disturbed the whole situation by its continuous onslaughts, it added.

On the same subject, Al Bilad noted that the present situation in Lebanon is different from the previous situations. The fresh explosion is perhaps a warning that something big is in the offing, the paper said. It added that the almost total destruction of Lebanon during the past five years should make the Arabs realize the dimensions of the threats and the armed conflict which may tend to move on to another country after the destruction of Lebanon.

Discussing Haig's current visit to Israel on the first leg of his Middle Eastern tour, Okaz said that, through its fresh attacks on Lebanon, Israel perhaps wanted to tell Haig that it was not prepared to renounce its intransigent attitude. The paper felt convinced that the U.S. secretary of state must have realized that Kissinger's concept of a partial peace on the Israeli terms is useless and unacceptable, as it only encourages Israel to step up its aggressive activities. The paper asked Haig to build his concept on peace and justice, and to base America's priority on these matters.



Reagan resumes his duties from the White Bell. Al Riyadh

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New York houses not for layman

By Linda Grant

NEW YORK (LAT) — In 1977, a young couple bought a two-bedroom co-operative apartment here on the west side for the modest price of \$41,000. In late 1979, trading upon a rapidly escalating real estate market, they sold it at quadruple their cost — \$167,500 — and reinvested \$225,000 in an elegant Park Avenue co-op. Last week spending another \$20,000 to modernize their home, the couple had the apartment appraised. The asking price suggested by a realtor: \$560,000.

For New Yorkers, such prices are a source of wonder. After all, the real estate market there wallowed in the doldrums during most of the 1970s. From 1973 through 1977 the average price of a co-op rose less than 20 per cent, and even declined in some years, depressed in part by gloom over the city's well-publicized struggle to avert bankruptcy.

In 1978, however, prices chalked up a healthy gain, and in the following two years they positively skyrocketed. Powered by buying from foreigners who regard the United States as politically stable and New York's real estate as vastly undervalued — plus the inflation that makes real estate more attractive than competing investments — the average selling price per room jumped to \$60,887 last December from \$23,815 two years before. The figures are based on a survey by a leading real-estate firm, Douglas Elliman-Gibbons and Ives.

Today a 34-room apartment on Fifth Avenue is available for the eye-popping price of \$10 million. The old Vincent Astor Apartment on East End Avenue was recently offered at \$2.35 million, and an art dealer, Ben Heller, set a record for residential property in January when he sold his east 73rd Street townhouse for \$4.3 million.

Said Edward Lee Cave, chairman of Sotheby Parke Bernet's International Realty Corp., in an interview, "Manhattan has become an international city. It is no longer just the leading city in New York state or the East Coast. Every language is at home here today."

He pointed out that wealthy foreign clients, who account for about 80 per cent of his company's real-estate business, are particularly interested in buying co-operative apartments rather than townhouses because of the security such apartments offer. In luxury buildings, television monitors are trained on all exits, scores of doormen hover around doorways to screen visitors, and uniformed elevator men deliver residents directly to their doors.

Moreover, these buildings offer their wealthy inhabitants a range of convenient services such as maids, valet dry cleaning and laundry, limousines and catering. Despite the condominium craze that has swept other parts of the United States, New York remains decidedly partial to co-ops. Rather than own a "specific unit, co-op dwellers purchase shares in an apartment building corporation that entitles them to live in a specific apartment. They pay monthly maintenance

charges to cover the building's taxes and interest on the mortgage as well as heat and other services.

The owner's shares appreciate in value as general real estate values increase or as he makes improvements in his apartment. The owner retains the right to sell his shares to any buyer who has the approval of the board of directors.

On the densely populated island of Manhattan, cooperatives occupy virtually all the best locations. The boards of directors that run co-ops scrutinize potential new buyers closely and often reject such "undesirables" as entertainers, politicians, bachelors or divorcees. Gloria Vanderbilt and former president Richard M. Nixon, for example, have been turned down by snooty buildings.

Because other co-op owners must absorb any maintenance costs that go unpaid, the boards also examine financial records of applicants closely. One result: in today's tight market, more than 70 per cent of sales are being completed for all cash.

Says Sotheby's Cave, "If a client needs financing, I don't even bother to show him our listings." Thus the high mortgage rates that have put a damper on house sales in other parts of the country have barely dented New York's steep ascent. The only part of the market affected in 1980, according to the Douglas Elliman Survey, was "moderately priced" apartments, such as those selling for under \$200,000. Sales in that range declined by 20 per cent to 25 per cent last year.

Buyers of these lower priced homes usually are allowed to finance them. But boards nevertheless lay down such terms as a minimum of 50 per cent to 75 per cent cash down payment. The result of Manhattan's exploding prices and rigid financing terms is obvious. Says Laurence Kaiser IV, vice president of Key Ventures, a real-estate company, "New York is finished for the middle class."

For example, a couple that recently moved from Los Angeles to New York with \$100,000 in equity and a 10 per cent financing commitment were unable to afford a co-op in the city comparable to the condominium they had left in Los Angeles. Like many other two-paycheck couples earning sizable salaries, they were forced to the suburbs.

Another factor pushing people out of the city is the high monthly maintenance that must be added to any co-op mortgage payments. According to Douglas Elliman's Survey, the average annual maintenance per room climbed last December to about \$1,900. (Baths and hallways are not included in calculating the number of rooms in a co-op.) That means a family with a five-room apartment paid about \$800 a month in maintenance last year. Since building's taxes and mortgage are included in those payments, a portion of that is tax deductible.

Despite the astronomical prices and refusal of many buildings to finance, demand for elegant co-ops continues to far outstrip supply. And real estate agents are predicting even higher prices for 1981.



SPRING: Relaxing scene in London's St. James Park on the first day of spring. The weather was kind and the sun was well in advance as visitors in the park took things easy in deck chairs feeding the swans and ducks.

Crime wave sweeps Red Chinese cities

By Michael Parks

PEKING, (LAT) — A new wave of violent crimes — murders, kidnappings, arson, robberies, even terrorist bombings — appear to have hit Communist China's cities and towns, and the authorities are taking tough, even harsh actions to restore law and order quickly.

In Shanghai, China's largest city, three men convicted recently in separate murder cases have been executed, according to local newspapers, and prosecutors in other provinces have demanded the death penalty in at least 10 reported cases.

Police in Tiaojin, China's third most important city, have been armed to deal with increasing activities of criminal gangs there, and local army garrisons in a number of towns are again sending out military patrols to fight street crime. To explain the crackdown, one of the most severe in the liberalized atmosphere of the last three years here, the Chinese press has recently reported many of the most violent crimes in unusual detail.

China, however, publishes no comprehensive crime statistics, making it difficult to assess the true extent of the reported upsurge in violent crime and to weigh it against the present leadership's need to respond to the charges of its conservative critics that social discipline is breaking down under recent reforms.

But city residents began to complain last autumn about an increase in street crimes —

the same kind of muggings, robberies and gang wars that had been common at the end of the decade-long cultural revolution in 1976. Officials in Peking, Shanghai and other cities warned then that the situation would get worse unless more jobs were found for the tens of thousands of unemployed youths most urban centers still have.

As Chinese began preparations to celebrate the lunar new year that began Feb. 5, Peking police reported a number of thefts — including pigs ready for slaughter, a horse from a rural commune and jewelers' gold — by unemployed youths to finance their holiday spending. The crime wave, however, appears to have deeper social roots — most of them not yet fully investigated — than the continuing problem of youthful unemployment.

In Shanxi province, southwest of Peking, a

tributed to the increase of general anxiety in the cities here over the past two or three months.

In numerous places, criminals "are committing murder, arson, robbery, larceny and organizing gambling dens," the Shanghai paper *Liberation Daily* said in an editorial. "The number of such crimes is increasing. We must pay great attention to all these elements of social upheaval and never treat them lightly." The paper, as have press and radio reports in Peking, Tianjin, Liaoning and Guangdong, referred to political bombings, but like the others it gave no details.

The bomb explosion at the Central Peking Railroad Station last October that killed nine persons, including the bomber, a distraught youth, and injured 81 others, has been investigated and at least partially explained, but the Peking police have said nothing about the bomb reportedly found recently in the capi-

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worker was arrested in connection with nine homicides late last year. In Shenyang, the capital of Liaoning province, northeast of Peking, a gang was finally forced out after a three-day siege of the house of a minor local official whose family they had taken hostage after killing a detective.

In the southern coastal province of Guangdong, a local court sentenced five men to prison terms of up to 15 years, according to the Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily*, for abducting young women from neighboring Guangxi province and selling them in Guangdong for \$135 to 330 each. The paper said that 115 women had been sold into prostitution by the Guangdong gang.

A three-month-old crackdown on smuggling has already resulted in the seizure of \$16 million worth of goods by customs officials at nine major ports, the paper said, adding, that 49 ships had been seized. Other reports, largely in the provincial press but increasingly in national newspapers, have detailed a wide range of crimes — daylight robberies in major cities like Shanghai and Tianjin, muggings within yards of police headquarters in Canton, drug trafficking, a revival of street gangs in several cities — that have contri-

butal's No. 1 department store. The commentaries generally link these "explosions" and "bombs" to political dissidents and "counter-revolutionaries," but again without giving details.

The whole law-and-order campaign, however, has a deliberate political tone, and its targets are not only common criminals, who are accused of "disrupting social order and endangering the country's stability and unity," but also political dissidents, who have survived underground after earlier crackdowns. Past law-and-order campaigns — they have become cyclical since 1976, usually masking a political crisis beneath the surface — have similarly lumped dissidents and other critics of the socialist system with murders and robbers as if there were no difference.

But this crackdown appears to owe its origin to the speech made by Deng Xiaoping, the party's powerful vice chairman, at a central leadership conference in December. Deng spoke of "great disorder throughout the land," blaming it largely on his opponents in an apparent attempt to broaden his support among conservative members of the party's central committee who reportedly have been distressed by what they see as a breakdown in law and order.

Bikinians take U.S. to court

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON, (ONS) — One of the less well-known human tragedies of the nuclear age has finally reached the United States law courts after 35 years. The 990 members of the tiny Pacific Atoll community of Bikini have asked Washington for \$450 million compensation for being forced to leave their island in 1946 and then having large chunks of it blown up by 23 atomic and hydrogen bomb tests.

This is the first "class" action from the inhabitants of the Pacific Marshall Islands — which include Bikini — and is expected to generate actions from other islanders affected by the testing between 1946-58. America governs the Marshall Islands under a U.N. trusteeship and has already spent \$105 million cleaning radiation debris from the island of Eniwetok. It also distributes \$8 million a year to land-owners of the Kwajalein Atoll in exchange for using it as a missile testing site. The Bikinians have had only a \$6 million trust fund, set up by Congress.

Although the last bomb was exploded on Bikini in 1958, the island is still uninhabitable and experts say it could remain so for the next 60 years. Most of the Bikinians have been living on another Marshall island, named Kili, 400 miles to the south of Bikini. Kili's 230 acres are about one-sixth the land area of the Bikini Atoll and, unlike Bikini, Kili has neither a lagoon nor sheltered fishing grounds.

From late October to early spring, access to the island by ship is extremely hazardous and high surf conditions greatly restrict deep-sea fishing. Serious food shortages have occurred over the years, the worst in 1952, when the U.S. had to air-drop food on to the island. This was done without parachutes and most of the food was smashed and inedible.

In 1968, the then President Johnson announced that the levels of radiation on Bikini had dropped sufficiently for the islanders to return home. The island's top soil had been removed and 50,000 new coconut trees had been planted. Slowly, over the next seven years, about 100 Bikinians returned home, but in 1975 U.S. officials were shocked to find radiation levels on the island that exceeded federal guidelines.

To prevent any adverse reaction, the islanders were not shown the radiation report; in fact, it was not released for another two years. They were only warned to restrict their diet: in particular they were told not to eat the island's local delicacy, the tree-climbing coconut crab, which had apparently accumulated large quantities of strontium 90. Over the next two years the diet restrictions increased and, finally, they were told they should eat only one of the island's coconuts a day — although coconuts are the staple diet. Finally, coconuts were banned, too, and food had to be shipped in.

Far from finding the island fit for habitation, the radiation researchers discovered that food grown there contained significant quantities of plutonium, a fall-out product that, since the tests had ended, had been slowly disintegrating through its half-life of 24,000 years. Because they were eating plutonium, the Bikinians became a scientific curiosity. In 1976, a U.S. researcher recorded a bizarre fact about Bikini: "is possibly the best available source of data for evaluating the transfer of plutonium across the gut wall after being incorporated into biological systems."

By the beginning of 1978, medical examinations of Bikinians showed them to have internal radiation levels that were nearly twice the U.S. maximum safety standard. In May that year, the U.S. government was forced to announce that the Bikinians would again be evacuated. An elected representative of the Bikinians, Henehi Balos, was in Washington this week to file the complaint in the U.S. Court of Claims. "The U.S. administration over the Marshall Islands will end in the next several years and we concluded that the only way we could make the U.S. recognize the obligations it owes us is to bring a lawsuit for just compensation," said Balos.

He said the housing on Kili is still temporary and inadequate and there is still no airport, despite U.S. promises to build one. "The U.S. told us in 1978, when we were moved from Bikini a second time, that it would undertake a program for the permanent rehabilitation of Kili. No action has been taken in over two years to make Kili a permanent home and the U.S. Interior Department has now told us that it does not have a moral obligation to pay us compensation for what has happened to us."

Wiping out 'avoidable blindness'

By John Madley

LONDON, (ONS) — A team of doctors who helped wipe out smallpox in Asia is now behind a highly ambitious attempt to eliminate another disease — avoidable blindness. Facts released for the International Year of the Disabled show that about 40 million people are blind, but that probably 35 million people are unnecessarily blind. Dr Nicole Grasset, who headed the smallpox eradication program in South-East Asia, says that 90 per cent of blindness can be prevented or cured. Most blindness in the Third World is caused by a lack of Vitamin A in diets and by trachoma and cataracts, both of which can be cured by a four-minute operation costing only \$4.8.

Grasset's team has launched its anti-blindness campaign in Nepal, one of the five poorest nations in the Third World, and hopes that by 1985 the country's 14 million people will be free from avoidable blindness at a very modest cost. The five-year program which has been mounted by the World

Health Organization and the Nepal Government, is only costing close to \$5 million.

The doctors are now carrying out one of the most thorough surveys of blindness that has ever been done. Five teams are systematically examining the eyes of some 45,000 people in 105 villages and urban communities.

Dr. Larry Brilliant says that the survey teams are trying to build up a detailed picture of what makes people go blind, including the connection of blindness with food.

"We have found," he says, "that there are traditional foods so rich in Vitamin A that just one leaf — in, for example, a soup — can provide a person with enough Vitamin A for a day. We want to find out why some communities eat those leaves and not others." Nepal has a large number of remote villages, which means that doctors must trek miles to conduct their tests. One team has just left for a three-week trek to a village where it will test eyes for two days and then trek three weeks back.

The survey is due to be completed in April.

Medical personnel will then be trained to carry out simple eye operations and eye clinics will be set up throughout Nepal, including mobile eye camps. Local people will also be helped to search for plants in their area which contain Vitamin A. "When a person goes blind in Africa," says Grasset, "he has about three years to live. In Nepal it's probably even less. The blind are neglected by their families, receive less food and are more prone to accidents. Sight is life, but it's only recently that priority has been given to blindness eradication."

The team hopes that by 1985 Nepal will be self-sufficient in eye care, thus establishing a process which other countries can copy. The result is expected to be a drastic world-wide reduction in blindness. The success of the smallpox campaign has inspired them to tackle the blindness problem, say the doctors. "If we can recapture the spirit of smallpox eradication," says director of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind Sir John Wilson, "then we can beat avoidable blindness."

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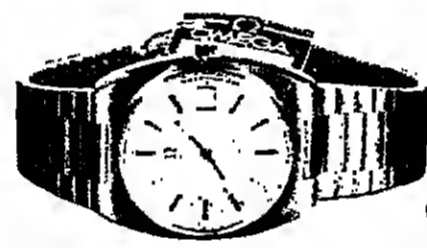
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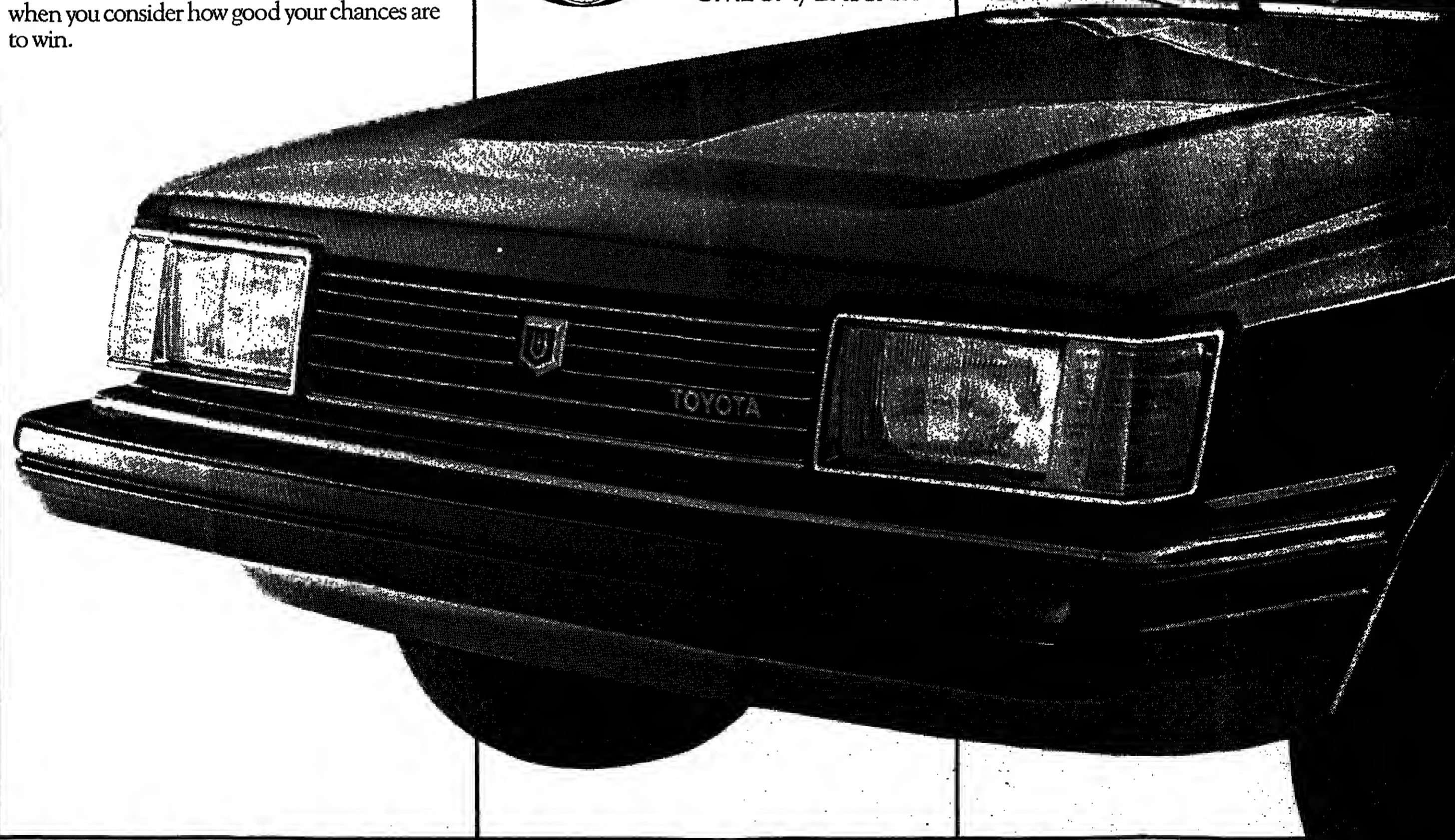
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Unemployment static

U.S. wholesale prices rise by 1.3 per cent

WASHINGTON, April 4 (R) — U.S. wholesale prices rose 1.3 per cent in March, the largest monthly increase since July, but the unemployment rate remained unchanged, the government has reported.

The March price increase, caused by higher food and fuel costs, represented an annual wholesale inflation rate of 16.2 per cent, the labor department said, Friday. The department said unemployment was static at 7.3 per cent of the work force in March.

Energy prices continued a five-month climb due to increases by members of the

Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the removal of price controls on domestic oil by President Reagan. Energy costs rose 6.1 per cent in March.

Food prices went up 0.8 per cent in March after several months of being steady or even falling. The biggest increase was 19.4 per cent in the cost of vegetables. The higher wholesale prices, which staged their largest increase since a jump of 1.7 per cent last July, are likely to be reflected in increased consumer prices in coming months.

For the first quarter, wholesale prices rose at an annual rate of 12.5 per cent, which compares with 11.7 per cent for the first quarter of 1980 and 17. per cent for first quarter 1979.

In another development, U.S. Budget Director David A. Stockman said Friday the Reagan administration in future will oppose any selective-commodity embargoes to implement foreign policy. "If there is to be an embargo in the future as a foreign policy tool, it should be across the board or out at all," Stockman told the Senate Appropriations Sub-committee that oversees the Office of Management and Budget.

Stockman repeated the administration's opposition to the current policy, carried over from the Carter administration, that prohibits shipments of grain to the Soviet Union, and indicated that ban will be lifted when the crisis in Poland cools. "To lift it now would give them (the Soviets) a misleading signal," Stockman said.

He was responding to remarks from Senator James Abdnor, chairman of the sub-committee, criticizing Reagan for not keeping a campaign pledge to end the grain embargo.

Iran's economy may take long to mend -- Nabavi

By Hugh Paia

TEHRAN, April 4, (R) — Iran's shattered economy might take 50 years to recover from damage done by the war with Iraq and mistakes during the late Shah's rule, government spokesman Behzad Nabavi has said today.

In a speech broadcast by state radio he said Iran, formerly the world's second largest oil-exporter, had lost 60 to 65 per cent of its refinery production because of the war and was now having to import diesel and heating fuels in quantities which its ports were not equipped to handle.

Nabavi said loss of oil revenue, war expenditure and reduced tax receipts cost the government \$16 billion in the year ended last month, in addition to a budgeted shortfall in government income of \$7 billion.



TRACTORS BLOCK ROAD: Tractors fill Piazza Venezia in central Rome during a demonstration last week of Italian farmers against the agriculture policy of the European Economic Community Commission.

Wall Street

Money fund industry overshadows stocks

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — The stock market has fared pretty well so far in 1981, but the competition is doing much better.

That "competition" is the money-market mutual fund industry, whose growth since new year's has made even the rapid pace of

1979 and 1980 look staid. In the week ended last Wednesday, \$3.2 billion poured into the United States' more than 100 money funds, according to the Investment Company Institute, a mutual-fund trade association. That put total assets of the funds at a record \$112.26 billion, up from about \$75 billion a year-ear.

Money-fund assets, which stood at only about \$10 billion at the end of 1978, grew by about \$35 billion in 1979 and \$30 billion or so in 1980. In just the first three months of 1981, the expansion of the industry has outstripped either of those totals.

Just about everyone involved expects the funds to continue extracting large amounts of money in the immediate future, even though interest rates have been dropping lately and may fall further. As experience has shown, the funds have a built-in advantage in periods of declining rates since their portfolios, at any given time, typically contain many short-term securities bought several weeks earlier, their yields tend to fall more slowly than the general level of interest rates.

Thus at present, the typical fund is yielding in the 14 per cent-to-15 per cent on six-month money market certificates.

Also the only thing that could slow the money-fund juggernaut at present, most observers feel, is some change in the rules. That's exactly what bankers are pushing for, arguing that their deposit base is being eroded by a competing industry that has an unfair edge.

The Investment Company Institute reported this past week that North Carolina and Iowa had become the latest states where bills were proposed to make money funds subject to state banking regulatory authorities. Stockbrokers, for their part, have few complaints about the expansion of the money-fund industry. The brokers them-

selves operate money funds that account for more than half the industry's assets, for example the \$16 billion Merrill Lynch ready assets fund. Thus, the business has been a new source of revenues for Wall Street. And according to many brokers, their money-fund business has introduced them to hordes of new customers for other types of financial services.

Even if money-fund investors are shunning stocks, the market is getting along reasonably well without them. In the past week, despite the shock of the assassination attempt on President Reagan, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 12.33 to 1,007.11.

For the first quarter of 1980, the Dow Jones industrials posted a three per cent gain. The New York stock exchange composite index finished the quarter up 4.2 per cent, and the American stock exchange market value index was up 6.4 per cent. Some stock-market followers like to speak of the cash in money funds as being "parked" there awaiting a better time to move into something like stocks.

Analysts fear dip in U.S. car sales

DETROIT, April 4 (R) — The ending of cash discounts on the purchase of new cars is causing a slump in vehicle sales in the United States, despite an overall gain in sales for last month, industry analysts have said.

Although General Motors and Chrysler reported increased sales, the analysts said figures for the last part of March indicated a slump, which coincided with the end of the practice of giving cash bonuses with every car purchased.

The total of cars sold by U.S. manufacturers for the full month rose 8.3 per cent to 719,044 from 670,151 last year. "The sale levels will come back down if the carmakers don't cut prices permanently," said one analyst. He said the figures for the end of March indicated a drop in sales over the same period last year.

Meanwhile, General Motors Corporation has announced it will raise prices on new cars and optional equipment by an average of 3.5 per cent, or \$351, with effect from April 13.

It said the price hike falls short of recovering cost increases, noting that labor costs alone have risen by about 11 per cent in the past year.

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Secretary of Jeddah	1—Jeddah Corniche, central area, youth welfare flyover	1	10000	18.5.81
	2—Cemetery fencing at Mecca	2	1000	20.5.81
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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON THE 4TH APRIL 1981 29TH J-AWAL, 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
4.	George Wythe (Barges)	Kenoo	General	1.4.81
5.	Aegle Wisdom	Alireza	Contra/Gen.	1.4.81
6.	Agalos Protostatis	A.E.T.	Tyres	3.4.81
10.	Wakagiku Meru	Alireza	Buldozers/Plant & Parts	4.4.81
13.	Union Baltimore	O.C.E.	Timber/Steel/Contra.	3.4.81
18.	Zeus I	Bolaco	Bulk Cement	31.3.81
20.	Mercane I	O.C.E.	Timber/Gen/Paper/	1.4.81
21.	Saudi Enterprise	O.Trade	Timber/Tiles/Cement	3.4.81
22.	Hoegh Cairn	A.E.T.	Timber/Genarel	3.4.81
23.	Fero Cadiz	O.C.E.	Reefer	2.4.81
24.	Alasca	O.C.E.	Reefer	29.3.81
28.	Concordia Star	Alasabah	Gen/Contra/Soye Beans	3.4.81
28.	Mila Golselle	Attar	Pipes/Gen./Sugar	3.4.81
29.	Maldive Pioneer	O.Trade	Plywood/Gen/Grain	1.4.81
30.	Samoon Reefer	Star	Reefer	28.3.81
31.	Med Freezer	O.C.E.	Reefer	30.3.81
36.	Al Ahmediyah	Kanoo	To Load Empty Contra.	4.4.81
38.	Gengori	El Hawi	Timber	2.4.81
39.	Al Hodeidah	K.A.A.	Contra/Trucks/Steel/Gen.	"
40.	Robert e-Lee (Barges)	Kanoo	General	"
42.	Archangelos 'G'	A.A.	Bagged Barley	31.3.81

RECENT ARRIVALS

Mila Golselle	Attar	Pipes/Gen./Sugar	3.4.81
Agalos Protostatis	A.E.T.	Tyres	"
Saudi Enterprises	O.Trade	Cement/Tiles/Timber	"
Hoegh Cairn	A.E.T.	Timber/Gen/F.stuffs	"
Union Baltimore	O.C.E.	Timber/Contra/Steel	"
Concordia Star	Alasabah	Gen/Contra/Trucks	"
Wakagiku Meru	Alireza	Buldozers/Plant & Parts	4.4.81
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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 29.5.1401/4.4.1981 CHANGES PAST 48 HOURS

1.	Mount Olympia	Gulf	Bulk Barley	12.2.81
3.	Lok Sahyee	Alasabah	Berley/Gen.	1.4.81
14.	Spruce	Gosabli	Steel Pipes	31.3.81
18.	Golden Castia	Orr	Timber	3.4.81
22.	Pasewalk	U.P.	Gen/Contra	3.4.81
34.	Ying Yang	Orr	General	1.4.81
35.	Capa Leeuwing	Orr	Bulk Bauxite	1.4.81
38.	Van Fort (D.B.)	Al Seeda	Bulk Cement	24.3.81
37.	Azio Rose (D.B.)	Alireza	Bulk Cement	2.4.81
38.	World Strength (D.B.)	Globe	Bulk Cement	29.3.81

Mexico cuts crude price

MEXICO CITY, April 4 (R) — Mexico reducing the price of its heavy oil by \$2.50 per barrel, the state oil monopoly Pemex has said.

Pemex said in a communique that the price would be reduced to \$32 per barrel for the second quarter of 1981, compared to \$34.50 per barrel quoted in the first quarter.

Pemex said it was cutting the price of the light grade "Maya" crude oil from \$34.50 a barrel to \$32. It said the lighter "Isthmus" grade will remain at \$38.50 a barrel for the second trimester of the year, but said the decision to cut the "Maya" variety by 2.50 \$2.50 was based on: Resumption of exports of Iran and Iraq that reach 1.7 million barrels daily; Saudi Arabian maintenance of export levels at 10 million barrels daily, with an official price of \$32 a barrel for its light crude. High inventories of oil due to an eight per cent cut in U.S. use and nine per cent in European use compared to the previous year and reduction by \$3 a barrel the spot market below December 1980 prices.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday

	SA.M.A.	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.60	8.31
Belgian Franc (1,000)	96.00	107.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.83	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	157.00	160.00	157.57
Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	173.00	142.70
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.00	91.40
French Franc (100)	67.00	67.50	66.95
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	66.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.40
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	34.00	32.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.70	—	15.45
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.57	10.39
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.22	12.20
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.75	84.35
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.00	71.10
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.36	7.55	7.41
Saudi Ryal (100)	—	91.00	92.30
Singapore Dollar	—	—	168.60
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	42.00	59.55
Swiss Franc (100)	172.00	174.25	173.15
Syrian Lira (100)	—	55.40	86.20
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36	3.553
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	73.45	73.45

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Kuwait denies plans to reduce oil output

KUWAIT, April 4 (AP) — The Kuwaiti oil minister has said his country was in "complete control" of its oil marketing operation and that no production curbs were imminent, the newspaper *Al-Qabas* reported Saturday.

Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah was reacting to what was described as a report originating in London and claiming that Kuwait was running into difficulty trying to sell its daily production of 1.5 million barrels.

"This is absolutely baseless," the paper quoted Sheikh Ali as saying. "Kuwait enjoys complete control on markets and has been imposing its own (sales) conditions." The London report, according to *Al-Qabas*, had said negotiations were deadlocked between Kuwait and its key contract customers because Kuwait was insisting on a surcharge of \$4 a barrel.

The surcharge was lately reduced to \$3, over the official selling price of \$35.5 a barrel. The same report, said the paper, added that Kuwait was contemplating reducing its daily production rate to 900,000 barrels.

Sheikh Ali vehemently rejected this, insisting that "our production can only be decided by us. We are the only party that can decide our own petroleum policy, including production rates and the volume of (crude oil) exports."

The London report, however, was amply

For NATO allies

Reagan seeks \$1.2 billion aid

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP) — The Reagan administration requested \$1.2 billion Friday in U.S. aid it said was essentially needed to strengthen Turkey, Greece, Spain and Portugal as NATO allies.

Bahrain bank increases capital to \$30 million

MANAMA, April 4 — Trans-Arabian Investment Bank E.C. (TAIB), here has approved an increase in its capital from \$10 million to \$30 million. The shareholders at their annual meeting held under the chairmanship of Prince Saud bin Naif Bin Abdulaziz agreed to \$20 million increase in capital by June 30, 1981.

Iqbal G. Mamdani, president of the bank, indicated that the shareholders resolution to increase capital reflected confidence in the performance of the bank and bank's ability to further expand its activities in the Gulf and the Middle East. According to Mamdani, the bank will continue to emphasize its loan syndication activities for Middle East corporate clients as well as further developing its capability to review the financial needs to local and international companies operating in the construction sector. TAIB will also continue its activities of advising clients and offering discretionary accounts for investment in the U.S. and Japanese securities.

TAIB was established in 1979 as an investment bank in Bahrain and is owned 85 per cent by prominent Saudi Arabian businessmen.

BRIEFS

CANBERRA, (AFP) — Denmark and Australia have announced signing an agreement designed to avoid double taxation on income between the two nations. The agreement starts on Jan. 1, 1982, assuming the necessary legislation has been passed.

GENEVA, (AFP) — Virtually the entire cotton market in the non-communist world, probably 85 to 90 per cent, is controlled by some 15 multinational groups, according to a report by the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). They included eight U.S., five Japanese and two West European firms.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Production of cigarettes in the United States rose last year to a record 714,200 million units, compared to 704.4 million in 1979, the department of agriculture said.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — The Soviet Union and Afghanistan have signed a trade agreement calling for bilateral trade to triple during the next five years, the party newspaper *Pravda* said. The accord is one of a number of agreements reached between the two countries since the Soviet intervention in

reproduced by the paper. Kuwait's major customers, said the report, were "intransigent" about the surcharge. The current glut in world oil market and the fact that Saudi Arabia's superior crude oil was selling at \$32 a barrel, combined to make Kuwait's position all the more difficult, according to the report, which Sheikh Ali rejected.

Al-Qabas pointed to an inconsistency in the London report — that Kuwait has "managed to impose the surcharge on South Korea which lifts 100,000 barrels of Kuwait oil a day, and on Taipei with a daily lifting of 80,000 barrels."

The origin of the alleged report was never spelled out in the paper. In a recent interview here, Sheikh Ali himself admitted Kuwait was hitting the OPEC-decreed price ceiling of \$11 per barrel, by instituting a surcharge of \$5.5 a barrel on some customers.

Kuwait has been negotiating with its major customers — British Petroleum, Royal Dutch-Shell of Holland, and Gulf Oil of America — for contract renewals. According to old contracts, which were due for expiration March 31, Shell was lifting 225,000 barrels a day, BP 150,000 barrels, and Gulf 75,000. Sheikh Ali has been imposing surcharges for extra liftings, industry sources said. He was also insisting that contract customers carry at least 70 per cent of their oil purchases from Kuwait in Kuwaiti oil tankers.

U.S. to drop damages suit against Iran

THE HAGUE, April 4 (AP) — The United States has authorized withdrawal of its claim in the International Court of Justice for damages from Iran for seizing the U.S. hostages, informed sources have said.

However, the formal withdrawal of the claim next week will state that the United States can reopen the case if Iran "fails to live up to its commitment," the sources said Friday. Those include returning the U.S. embassy in Tehran and other American property.

In the Algerian settlement Jan. 19, which led to the 52 hostages' release, the United States agreed to withdraw all pending claims against Iran. The agreement calls for a tribunal to be set up in the Hague or another suitable to settle hundreds of millions of dollars in financial claims between Iran and the United States.

The court, which is the judicial arm of the United Nations, ruled last May 24 that the hostages must be freed, that American property must be returned and that Iran must pay damages for holding the hostages.

Sources close to the case, who asked not to be identified, said the U.S. State Department had instructed the American Embassy in the Hague formally to withdraw the claim. That is expected to be done Monday or Tuesday, the sources said.

But the State Department also said the embassy should instruct the court that the United States "reserves the right to reinstate" the case if the Algerian settlement is not implemented.

Riyal deposits rule firm

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 4 — The riyal deposit market firmed up Saturday after the rise in the dollar's value over Thursday and Friday in the European markets. It must be recalled that the dollar rose against most major European currencies to new high levels, basically after the gloomy announcements about developments in Poland and after the actions of the United States Federal Reserve Board which pushed up the federal funds rate to almost 16 per cent. Short and medium term dollar interest rates picked up after these moves and the Eurodollar's three-month deposit rate reached 14 15/16 per cent in some moderate trading. The money supply figures released this weekend showed a neutral effect and the financial markets decided to take the lead provided by the Federal Reserve Board and pushed rates up.

On the local market, riyal deposits firmed mostly in the short periods. The one month JIBOR rate, which had reached to 10.5 per cent late last week, was quoted at

11 — 11.5 per cent. Similarly, the one year deposit reached 13 — 13.5 per cent. Dealers reported little activity on the deposit front with most banks being still cautious about the recovery of the dollar and waiting to see if the rally continues when the European markets open Monday. There was some sizeable activity on the local foreign exchange markets with spot, riyal being quoted at 3.3507 — 12, indicating some local demand for the dollar. With the United States currency at a relatively high level against the other currencies, it made sense to try and purchase the dollar. Most of the local banks do agree though that the last few weeks has been the Bahrain money markets keeping a "low profile" concerning the riyal with little participation. This reflected the general confusion about the direction the dollar would take and most banks prepared to err on the side of caution.

Gold and silver picked up and gold closed at \$523 Friday per ounce in London, with silver reaching \$12.30 per ounce. Once again the Polish situation was the prime factor.

France keeps mum on bond issue

PARIS, April 4 (R) — The French government refused to comment Saturday on a statement by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt that the two countries were considering offering a joint bond issue on the international capital market.

Schmidt said on television Friday night the joint issue was a French idea which West Germany was studying it seriously. The chancellor did not give a value for the issue, but West German television put it at eight to 10 billion marks (\$4 to \$5 billion).

A statement from the office of French Prime Minister Raymond Barre Saturday

said: "Following reports on a Franco-German international bond issue, we note that the prime minister abstained from any comment after talks with Schmidt in Bonn last Thursday and he sees no reason to comment now."

Barre notes, however, that France does not offer such issues country to country and the French government has never envisaged such an issue for OPEC countries." Schmidt also denied in Bonn that the issue would be offered directly to Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), although he noted such issues would attract buyers with oil surpluses.

Tankers favored to ease water problem in M.E.

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP) — Instead of having ships tow giant icebergs to the Middle East, an international shipping association has suggested filling oil tankers with water for their return trips.

The International Association of Independent Tanker Owners, a trade organization of ship owners from 26 countries, said the water, while not suitable for drinking, could be used for irrigation.

Tormod Rafgard, general manager of Intertanko, said studies done in Norway have shown that crops could be raised from the water with no detectable chemical residues. "We feel this would be a practical solution to the water problem and much cheaper than the desalination plants now being built in the Middle East," Rafgard said.

He said studies indicate the water could be sold for between 14 cents and 29 cents for a 42-gallon barrel. The largest super-tanker can carry 2.1 million barrels. With oil currently selling for about \$37 per barrel on the international market, water sales would not go far in lessening a country's oil bill, but Rafgard said such sales would still be profitable for both sides.

Taipei to double fleet

TAIPEI, April 4 (CNA) — The tonnage of the merchant fleet of this nation will be doubled upon the completion of the second-phase three-year shipbuilding plan, according to a ranking official of the Communications Ministry.

Currently, the Republic of China owns 177 merchant ships of various types, with a tonnage of 1,765,000 tons.

Under the shipbuilding plan, the government will build 40 freighters with a tonnage of 1.25 million tons, the official said.

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Knicks make exit Lakers, Blazers keep in the running

NEW YORK, April 4 (Agencies) — The Los Angeles Lakers and the Portland Trail Blazers both kept their hopes alive in the National Basketball Association playoffs Friday night, but the New York Knicks will have to wait until next year.

The Lakers defeated the Houston Rockets 111-106 and Portland tripped the Kansas City Kings 124-119 in overtime to tie their best-of-three Western Conference playoff series at 1-1.

The Chicago Bulls, meanwhile, eliminated the Knicks 115-114 in overtime to sweep their first-round Eastern set 2-0 and headed for a second-round meeting with the Boston Celtics in Boston on Sunday.

In the start of another best-of-seven second-round Eastern series starting Sunday, Philadelphia will host Milwaukee.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 27 points and Earvin "Magic" Johnson hauled down 18 rebounds to help the Lakers send the series back to Los Angeles Sunday for the deciding game.

The Lakers, who list the first game of the best-of-three series 111-107, never trailed Friday night and held as much as a 20-point lead over the Rockets, who could only manage to pull to within two points after falling

behind.

Blazers 124, Kings 119: Calvin Natt and Kelvin Ransey combined for nine points in overtime and Mychal Thompson poured in a career-high 40 to lead Portland over Kansas City. The mini-series returns to Portland for the third game on Sunday.

Bulls 115, Knicks 114: Reggie Theus scored 37 points and Artis Gilmore added 25, and the two combined for all nine of one of Chicago's points in overtime to lead the Bulls past New York.

Coach Billy Cunningham called Philadelphia's fourth-quarter defense "Magnificent" and Julius Erving, who scored a game-high 23 points, said the 76ers' NBA play-off experience was instrumental in Thursday night's victory over the Indiana Pacers.

The triumph, Philadelphia's eighth straight without a loss this season against the Pacers, gave the 76ers a two-game sweep of their best-of-three series first-round playoff series.

"The key was that we played defense as well as you can play it in the fourth quarter," said Cunningham. "Our aggressive defense was the 76ers will now advance to face the Milwaukee Bucks in second-round playoff action."



GRABS: Fatch's Fahd Al-Sagr (No. 5) neatly grabs the ball after Ittihad's Muhammad Khamis's try (No. 14) rebounded off the rim in the Basketball Premier League. Ittihad won the match comfortable at 81-43

McEnroe struggles

FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 4 (AP) — Top favorite John McEnroe of the United States came back from a dangerous midway point Friday to defeat fellow countryman Brian Teacher 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 in the \$175,000 Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here.

With 7-6, 4-3 and 40-30 before some 2,000 spectators, Teacher stood at the brink of his best win, but the 22-year-old McEnroe rallied to best the 26-year-old, who appeared to suddenly lose his concentration.

McEnroe was unhappy with the spectators who clearly favored underdog Teacher, and commented after the game, "they always want the weak ones to win."

McEnroe will meet America's Stan Smith Saturday in the semi-finals. Smith hested Mexico's Raul Ramirez in earlier play 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In other games, Czechoslovakia's Tomaz Smid entered the winners' circle by defeating America's Bob Lutz 7-5, 6-4. On Saturday, Smid faces Switzerland's Heinz Guenthardt, who overcame Romania's Ilie Nastase in 90 minutes with 6-4, 7-5.

In doubles play, Vitas Gerulaitis and McEnroe polished off West Germany's

Harald Theisen and Stefan Zielen 6-2, 6-1. South Africa's Kevin Curren and America's Steve Denton defeated Australia's Rod Frawley and England's Christopher Mottram 6-3, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Lena Sandin, Tyreso, Sweden, and Kathleen Horvath, Florida, moved into the semi-finals of the Avon Futures Tennis Tournament Friday night with victories over Susan Leo, Brisbane, Australia, and Yvonne Vermaak, Glenconner, South Africa.

In the opening round of doubles competition, the top-seeded team of Sherry Acker, U.S. and Paula Smith, U.S., won its ninth straight match, 6-3, 6-3, over Americans Laura Dupont and Barbara Jordan.

Horvath, the second-seed in the \$50,000 Boise tournament, beat her opponent in one hour, 11 minutes to move into the semi-finals. At 15, she is the youngest player in the field that started with eight players.

Leba Sandin, the No. 7 seed, lost the first set to Sue Leo, 4-6, but rallied for a 6-2 victory in the tie-breaker.

Claudia Kohde, Saarbrücken, West Germany, the top seed, and Ann Kijomura, U.S., the No. 3 seed, qualified for the semi-finals with two earlier victories.

Myra Hoose maintains lead

RANCHO MIRAGE, California, April 4 (AP) — Myra Van Hoose shot a scrambling 1-over-par 73 Friday to keep her lead in the \$250,000 Colgate-Dinah Shore Tournament, but Carolyn Hill moved to within a stroke of the pace with her second consecutive 70.

Van Hoose, who carded a sparkling 66 in the opening round, stood at 5-under-par 139 through 36 holes of the 72-hole event over the 6,242-yard, par-72 Mission Hills Country Club course.

Hill, like Van Hoose one of the Ladies Professional Golf Association's most promising young newcomers, chipped two strokes off par on her final nine holes to close on the leader.

Australian Jan Stephenson and Jane Blalock were two strokes off the pace at 141 midway through the tournament, the richest on the women's golf tour. Stephenson carded

second-round 72 while Blalock, who won the inaugural Dinah Shore Tournament back in 1972, fired a 2-under-par 70.

South African Sally Little and Sandra Palmer were another stroke back with 2-under-par 142 totals, while Judy Rankin, Lynn Adams and Penny Pulz were at 143.

Although winds that had gusted up to 40 mph during Thursday's opening round were much less severe for the second round, scores of the leaders were generally higher.

"The wind wasn't as strong, but it was tricky," said Van Hoose, 25, the LPGA's rookie of the year in 1980. "It would start and stop and you'd find yourself standing there with the wrong club. The winds were gusting so much it was difficult to hit close to the pin."

Hill, a 22-year-old who joined the tour last year, said work on her putting game has helped her.

Kiwis down Belgium to stumble into semis

KUALA LUMPUR, April 4 (AFP) — A 1-0 win over Belgium sent New Zealand into the semi-finals of the Inter-Continental Cup Hockey tournament here Saturday.

The Kiwis have collected eight points from four matches to head Group 'B'.

The last remaining match for New Zealand will be against Singapore Monday. Only 12 minutes of an earlier rained off tie will be played and a draw will be sufficient.

New Zealand team manager David Leslie Coulter said that his boys went all out for a win against Belgium. "We are not worried about who our semi-final opponents will be. The main thing is that we made it to the semi-finals."

For Belgium their hopes of joining New Zealand in the last four rests on the outcome of the Ireland-Singapore match Sunday. Ireland are currently in third spot in Group 'B' with five points from four outings. A win against Singapore as such will have them level with Belgium. In such an instance it will be goal difference which will decide the issue.

Wales' slim 1-0 win over Italy kept up their hopes of making it to the last four too. With seven points from four matches played, Wales are in second spot in Group 'A'.

The Welsh meet host Malaysia in their final group match on Monday. Malaysia have six points from three matches and on goal difference lead Wales.

Wales will be playing for a win against Malaysia. But more than that they will be hoping that Russia, who meet Malaysia first

beaten there fairly frequently in recent months, they have always been hard games and we are expecting a struggle."

West German coach Aoffgang Strodtger agreed, saying, "we will certainly have our hands full trying to stop them."

Martina Koch and Christiana Moser of West Germany and Susan Watkins of Australia got the goals in their semifinal to advance in the individual scoring sweepstakes behind Boekhorst.

Koch is second with eight, while Moser and Watkins have seven each, followed by Natella Krasnikova of the Soviet Union with six.

The Soviets, surprise semifinalists and the first team to score against Holland, play for third place Saturday against an unlucky Australian team that missed all 10 penalty-corner chances and several near-field goals while losing to West Germany.

In other matches, Argentina beat Belgium and will play for fifth place against Canada, which defeated Japan 3-1, and Spain scored its first tournament goals to beat Mexico 2-0 to advance to a ninth place playoff against France, which defeated Australia 1-0.

USSR	Group 'A'					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	
Wales	4	3	1	0	12	7
Malaysia	4	3	1	0	7	4
Zimbabwe	4	3	0	0	8	3
Japan	4	1	0	3	6	2
Italy	4	0	1	3	10	1
	4	0	1	4	14	1

New Zealand	Group 'B'					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	
Belgium	4	4	0	0	11	8
Ireland	4	2	1	1	8	4
France	4	1	0	3	5	6
Canada	4	1	0	3	6	2
Singapore	3	0	0	3	3	11

Dutch girls make final

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, April 4 (AP) — Josephine Boekhorst scored five goals from penalty-corners Friday to lead World Champions Holland past the Soviet Union 7-3 and into its second straight final against West Germany in the Women's World Cup of (field) Hockey.

The Germans struggled to defeat Australia 2-1 in the other semifinals at the Palermo Polo grounds, setting up Sunday's decisive clash between the 12-nation tournament's only unbeaten teams.

Holland, Cup winners in 1974, met West Germany, winners in 1976, at the 1978 final in Madrid and won. The Dutch are expected to win the fourth Cup against a less experienced German squad assembled only a few days before coming here.

One reason Holland is favored is a powerful offense that constantly forces penalty-corners, which are expertly converted by Boekhorst, the tournament's leading scorer with 12 goals in six matches. Her five against Russia was the best offensive performance seen here.

"It should be a good game because we play the same type of hockey as the Germans," said the Dutch defender. "Although we have

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Ipswich crash

Villa move to the top

LONDON, April 4 (R) — Aston Villa displaced Ipswich at the top of the English Soccer League Saturday.

A 4-2 win at Leicester took Villa back to the head of the First Division as pacesetter Ipswich crashed 3-1 away to third-placed West Bromwich.

Villa now have a one-point advantage with six matches left, while West Bromwich moved from seven to six points adrift. Injury-hit Ipswich have lost their last two games. Leeds beat them 3-0 on Tuesday and Ally, Brendon Batson and Peter Barnes did the damage this time.

Relegation-haunted Leicester gave Villa a difficult test. Steve Lynex put them ahead with a 15th minute penalty, before Peter Withe, back from suspension, and Les Brice put Villa ahead.

Leicester, scored again through Lynex a minute before half-time, but Withe added his second and Tony Morley Villa's fourth goal.

Ipswich played without injury victims Paul Mariner and Dutchman Frans Thijssen and trailed after only eight minutes. Alan Brazil struck an equalizer a minute later but West Bromwich upset Ipswich's plans for a point by scoring once more in each half.



VICTORY PATH: Oxford well ahead of Cambridge in the annual Varsity Boat Race at Hammersmith Bridge on the River Thames Saturday (right): Sue Brown, the first woman cox in the race, coxing her team to greater heights.

Oxford triumphs

LONDON, April 4 (AP) — Sue Brown, a pretty 22-year-old bio-chemistry student, coxed Oxford University to a crushing victory over Cambridge Saturday in the annual Varsity Boat Race.

Sue Brown was the first woman to take part in the historic boat race, which has been contested for 152 years. Oxford has now won the race for six straight years — the first time that feat has been achieved this century.

Cambridge has now won 68 boat races to Oxford's 58.

Oxford pulled into the lead after only a few hundred yards of the 4 1/2 miles race between Putney and Mortlake on the River Thames.

Oxford was timed at 18 minutes 11 seconds, while Cambridge finished in 18:34. Observers said it was Oxford's biggest margin of victory — an estimated eight lengths.

Splendid all-round show by Amin

Jeddah scores facile win over Riyadh

JEDDAH, April 4 — While the City kept indoors, evading the hot spring sun, a small patch at the Alhamra cricket ground was buzzing with activity Friday that saw Jeddah XI crush Riyadh XI in the inaugural British

Saudi Bank Inter-City Cricket Tournament. Aod as the cricketers gave a standing ovation to Jeddah's Shahid Amin for his magnificent all-round performance, their bats were raised to the gallant display of Riyadh's Sri

Lanka born Christopher Vethanayagam, for his magnificent bowling and splendid fielding.

The athletic-built Amin, scored a fighting 25 in his team's total of 192 for six in their allotted 40 overs and then claimed four Riyadh batsmen conceding just 21 runs to enable Jeddah romp home victors.

Despite the wicket playing a lot of tricks, and roadside of the outfield teasingly slow, Jeddah, on winning the toss spurred to 65 runs in their first 10 overs — their openers Shahbaz (Pak Saudi) and Shafiqat (Shalimar) tossing the pacemen all round the wicket. But once the spinners came into the attack, especially Vethanayagam, their run-rate dropped considerably, whilst losing four quick wickets, and from 65 for no loss tumbled to 92 for four. But in walked Amin (1395) and together with Nassar of Indian Embassy stemmed the root and took the score to 175 before Nassar, who drove effectively on the offside, made his exit. Amin followed suit immediately but not before they had reached a commanding total.

But in sharp contrast, Riyadh began on a snail's pace, thanks to the accurate bowling of rival skipper Nadeem, and in their 15 overs could aggregate just 40 runs at the expense of two wickets. The next 15 overs saw them behind the clock, mustering 23 runs during that spell and ultimately were all out for 96 runs in 38.5 overs.

Mr. French, G.M. of Saudi British Bank, Jeddah, gave away the trophies while Sheikh Zainal Ali Reza presented the medals.

Jeddah's Shahid Amin, who was adjudged the best all-rounder from Jeddah, was also declared the best bowler while Vethanayagam bagged the corresponding award for Riyadh.



CHAMPS: The Jeddah cricket team make a happy picture as they pose after their comfortable victory over the Riyadh cricketers.

Results

English Division One

Birmingham	2	Middlesbrough	1
Brighton	0	Arsenal	0
Leeds	3	Coventry	0
Leicester	2	Aston Villa	4
Manchester United	1	Crystal Palace	0
Newcastle	2	Manchester City	0
Southampton	2	Nottingham Forest	0
Sunderland	0	Wolverhampton	2
Tottenham	2	Everton	1
West Bromwich	3	Ipswich	2
Liverpool	3	Stoke	0

Two marks sunk

AUSTIN, Texas, April 4 (AFP) — Americans William Paulus and Ambrose Gaines set world records Friday in the 100 meters butterfly and 100 meters freestyle during competition in the 50 meters pool here.

Paulus swam the 100 butterfly in 53.81 seconds, breaking the record of 54.14 of Sweden's Par Arvidsson, gold medal winner at the Moscow Summer Olympics.

Gaines swam the 100 freestyle in 49.36 seconds, bettering the former world record of 49.44, set in 1976 by South African Jonty Skinner.

Hochtief routs Whittaker to keep hopes alive

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, April 4 — After the penultimate week's play in the Saudi Milk Soccer League, the title has still not been decided, and two teams, Dallah Avco and Hochtief, can finish top of the First Division.

Hochtief maintained their title-bid by crushing Whittaker 5-2, which gives them 12 points from their 12 matches. Dallah also have twelve points but with one match still to play can be clear champions if they win. This should be no problem since their opponents, Whittaker, suffered a serious slump in form

and have lost their last four matches. However, if Dallah should lose, Hochtief will become champions on goal average.

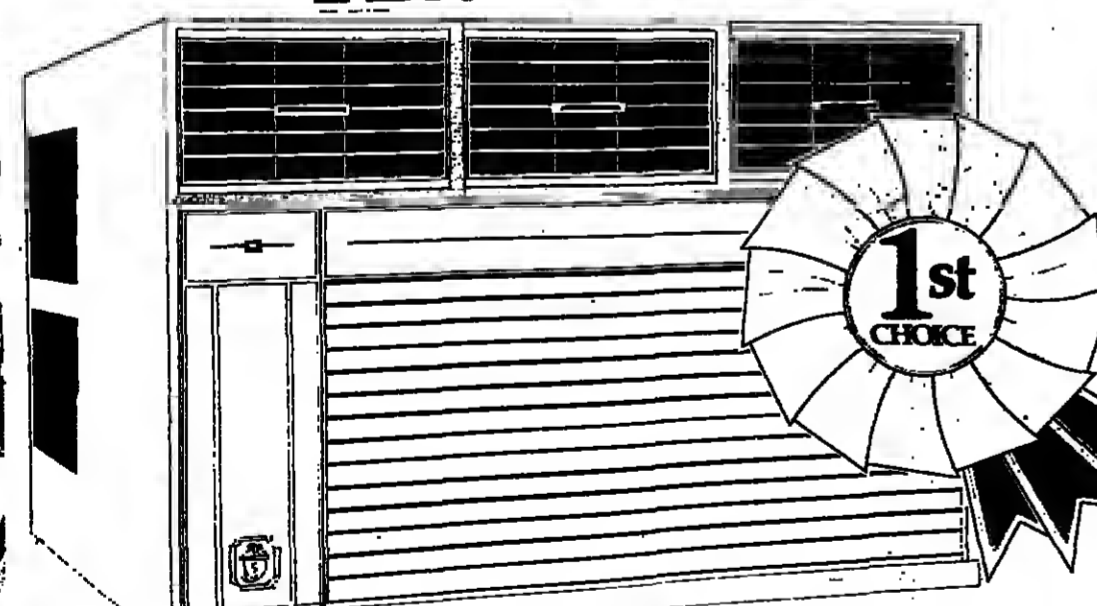
The crucial match is scheduled for Monday, April 6, which is also the night of the last Third Division match of the season, between AB I&P, the new Third Division champions, and NJIA (2), the runner-up. I&P crushed Soxex 5-1. Tuesday night to wrap-up the title, but NJIA will be glad of a final attempt to take away I&P's unbeaten record.

Whilst AB I&P and NJIA will be enjoying Second Division football next season, (will there be a next season?) Arabian Homes and

Whittaker Villa will (also) be enjoying Third Division play. They are relegated from Division Two! Champlous, Toyota, also unbeaten, move-up to the First Division together with NJIA (1). Toyota hammered Zahid 5-1 Monday to clinch the Second Division title and NJIA (looking vaguely like Lockheed) downed Al Hada 3-1 Sunday to confirm second place. Tuesday sees another crucial match when Saudia takes on FOI in a vital relegation match. One of the teams is sure to go down.

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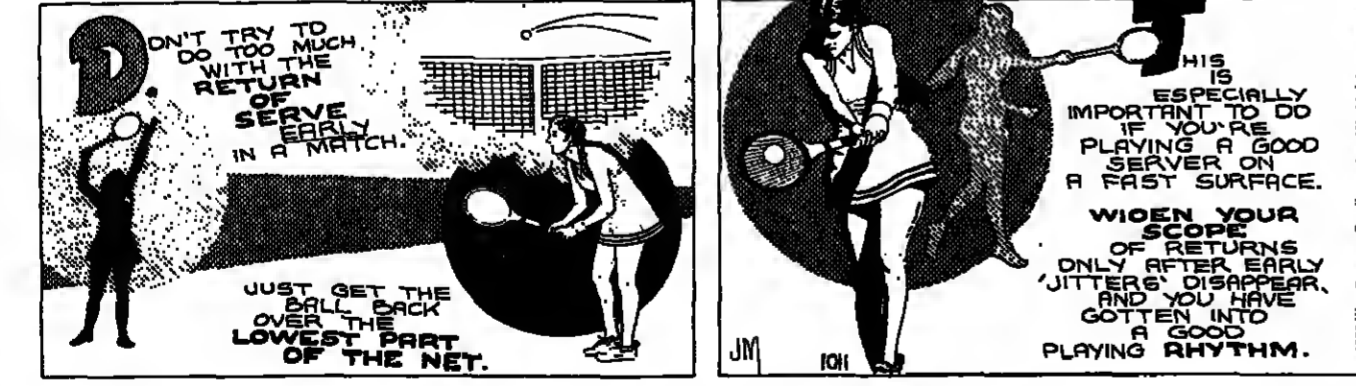
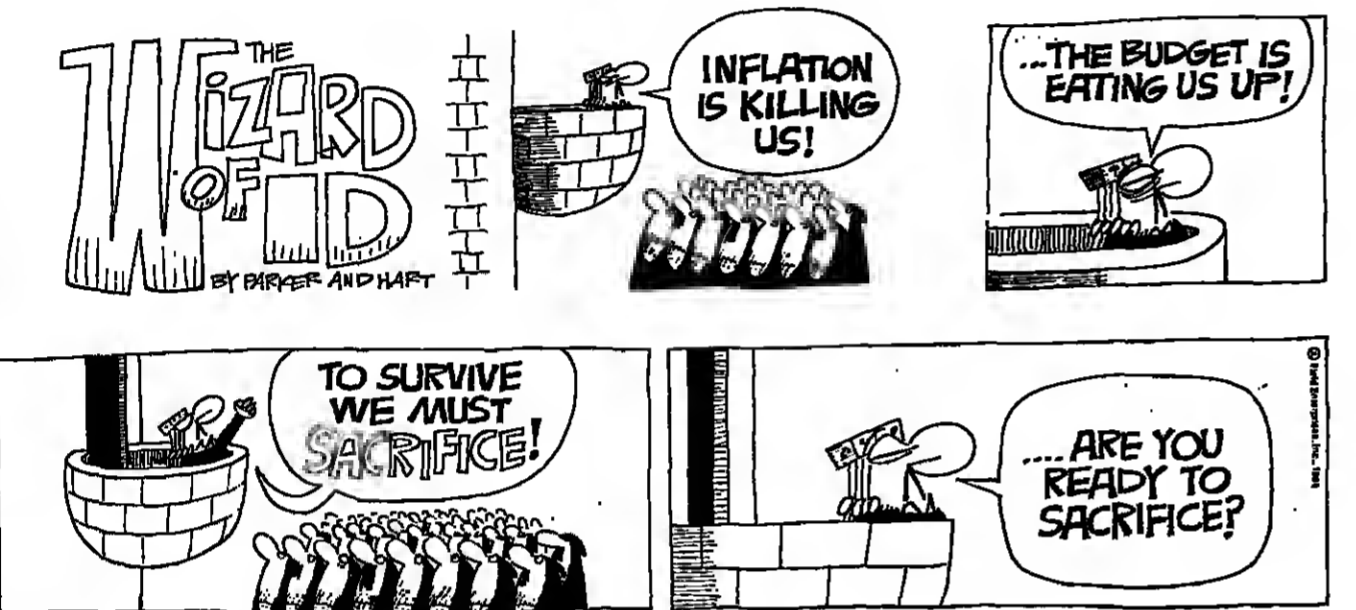
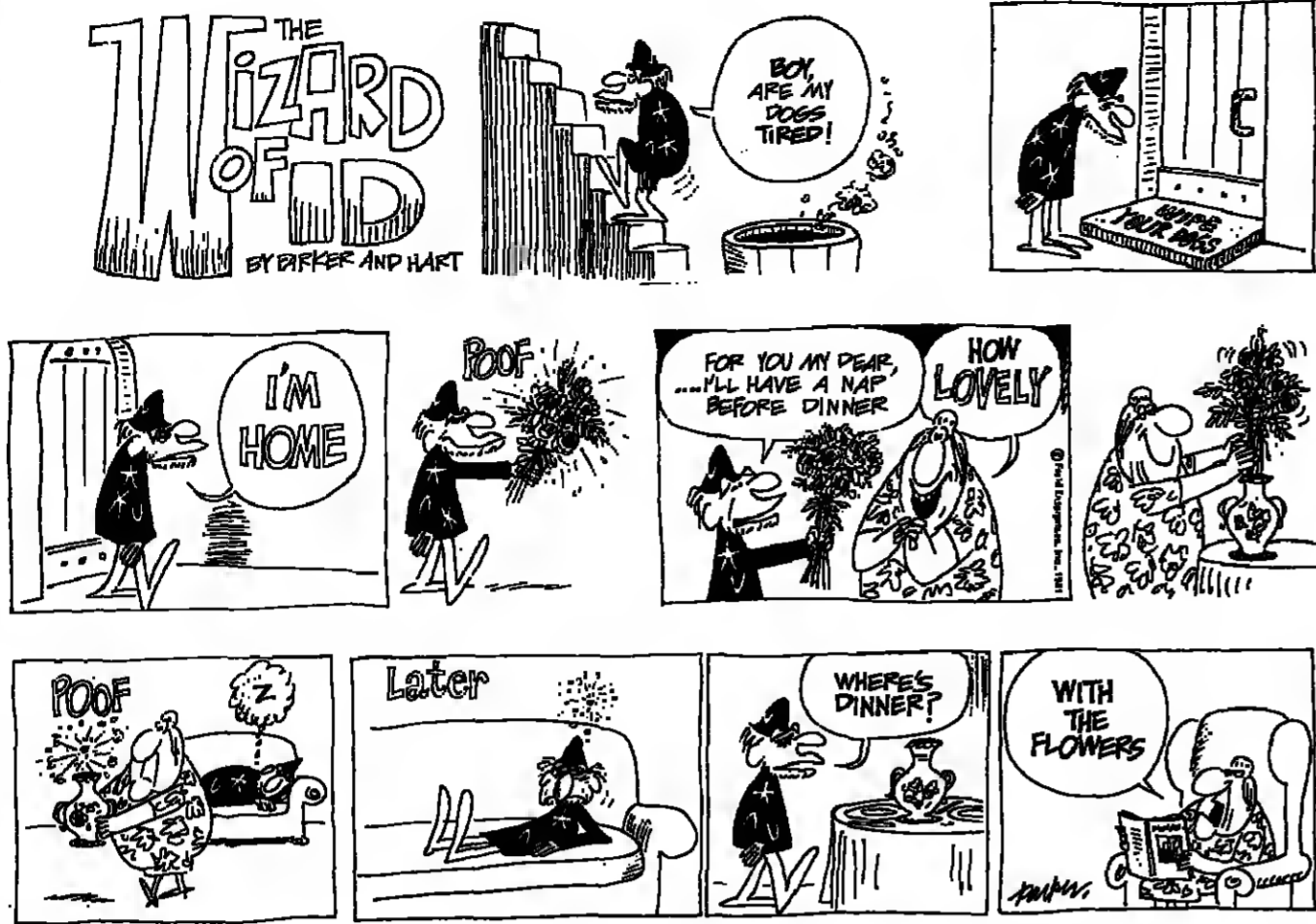
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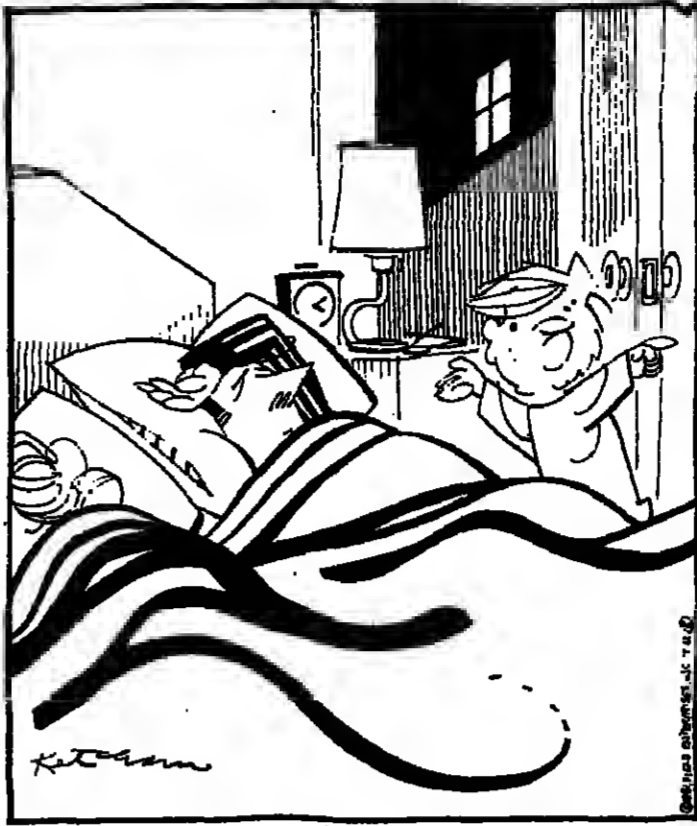
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South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠10 6 3 ♥A K 9 8 5 ♦A 3 2 ♣J 6. WEST ♠5 ♥10 ♦K J 8 7 6 4 ♣K Q 10 8 2. EAST ♠Q J 9 8 ♥Q J 6 3 2 ♦10 ♣9 7 4. SOUTH ♠A K 7 4 2 ♥7 4 ♦Q 9 5 ♣A 5 3.

The bidding: South West North East 1♠ 2♥ 2♠ Pass 2♣ 3♣ 4♣

Opening lead — king of clubs. Declarer continues by cashing the A-K of hearts and ruffing a heart. He then proceeds merrily along by trumping a club in dummy, ruffing another heart, and next playing a diamond to the ace and ruffing dummy's last heart.

The effect of all these movements back and forth is that South by this time has accumulated ten tricks consisting of the A-K of spades, A-K of hearts, ace of diamonds and ace of clubs, plus three heart ruffs in his own hand and a club ruff in dummy.

It might seem that if the number of losers declarer has added to the number of winners he has, they ought to add up to thirteen. However, sometimes they don't. Consider this case where declarer is in four spades. West leads the king of clubs, which wins, and then the queen of clubs, taken by South with the ace. Declarer counts his losers and they appear to be one club, two diamonds and one or two trump tricks. This would lead to down one or two if the East-West cards are divided as expected. But actually

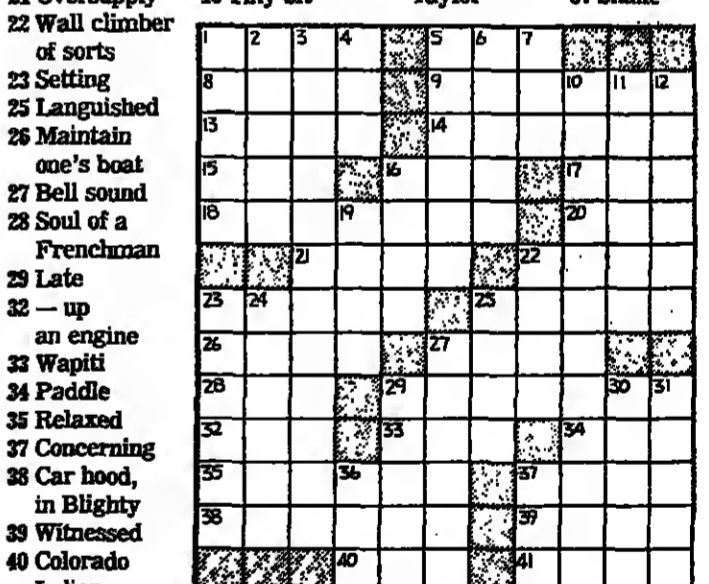
Your Individual Horoscope Frances Drake

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What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You'll receive valuable advice from a close friend about a work project. Be willing to admit that you were wrong, if necessary.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Friends and money don't mix favorably. Today's successes depend on how much rest you get. A private chat is informative.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Fanciful ideas are likely now. Guard against too much rationalization. Social life is rewarding, providing that you don't overdo.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Revise your opinion about a work project. Seek advice from one in the know. Evening guests may tend to overstay their welcome.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Opposition from others puts you on the right track. You receive helpful advice, but one career plan may be a bit far-fetched.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A talk will straighten out any misunderstandings. Don't be careless with credit. A friend's unusual money proposal is off base.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You'll receive valuable advice from a close friend about a work project. Be willing to admit that you were wrong, if necessary.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A child may fib about a money matter. Your mental attitude is the key to good health now. Overcome a tendency to worry too much.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Utilize imagination in a constructive way. Instead of daydreaming, write a poem or paint a picture. Watch nighttime self-indulgence.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A talk will ease your doubts about a person's character. Sincerity is best with a child. Don't promise more than you can deliver.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You may have to call someone's bluff. Money talks go well. Be sure to consult with other family members if planning a trip.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Keep career aspirations within reason. Financial considerations dominate your outlook now. Don't evade issues with a friend.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Come in third
5 Hebrew measure
8 Tempo
9 Leave closed
13 Infuriated
14 Spacecraft segment
15 Greek letter
16 "The Terminal" — Crichton
17 Make lace
18 Dental substance
20 Small bird
21 Oversupply
22 Wall chamber of sorts
23 Setting
25 Languished
26 Maintain one's boat
27 Bell sound
28 Soul of a Frenchman
29 Late
32 — up an engine
33 Wapiti
34 Paddle
35 Relaxed
37 Concerning
38 Car hood, in Blighty
39 Witnessed
40 Colorado Indian

41 Window part
DOWN
1 Sought state secrets
2 American writer
3 1960 Sinatra film
4 Between Tu. and Thurs.
5 Kind
6 Hole —
7 Be sleepy
10 Embarking
11 Astolat
12 Took home after taxes
16 Tiny bit
19 Prison cell (sl.)
22 Hindu guitar
23 Egyptian symbol
24 Awakened
25 Between Tyler and Taylor
27 Strike out
29 Attack sound
38 Corroded
31 Hummingbird
36 Celtic goddess
37 Snake



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QHS HFA TCFNA CO OINWN
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<p>4:30 Children's Show 5:07 Call It Marooned 5:31 Wide World of Sports 6:24 Barney Miller 6:29 Yesterday's Glories 7:21 Clonus 8:22 Redford Files 9:11 Quincy</p> <p>DEBIERAN T.V. Arabic SUNDAY 8:00 Quran, Program Review, 4:45 Educational Program, 5:15 Children's Program, 6:15 Local News, Maghreb Prayer, Call, 6:45 Religious Talk, 7:15 Folklore Program, 7:45 News in English, 8:00 TV Magazine during which the 14th Prayer Call will occur, 9:00 Daily Series, 9:30 News in Arabic, 10:10 Daily Series, News, 11:00 Arabic Film, 12:00 Closedown.</p> <p>SUNDAY 4:30 Quran, 5:22 Call It Marooned, 5:31 International Sports, World, 6:46 Barney Miller, 7:25 Clonus, 8:21 Eight Is Enough, 9:12 Barnaby Jones.</p> <p>SUNDAY 4:00 Quran, 4:25 Today's Program, 4:30 Children's Program, 6:10 Soldier's Query, 7:00 Daily Arab News, 8:00 Arabic News, 8:15 Crazy Adams, 9:00 English News, 9:55 Tomorrow's Programs, 10:00 Local Program, 10:50 Arabic Film-Play, 12:00 News.</p> <p>SUNDAY 4:30 Quran, 5:15 Religious Talk, 5:10 Cartoon, 6:00 Live Program, 6:30 Sports, 7:30 Religious, 8:11 Pioneer, 8:01 Arabic Drama, 10:00 World News, 10:15 Songs, Program Preview, 10:30 Classic Arabic Film.</p> <p>SUNDAY 4:00 Quran, 4:15 Cartoons, 4:30 Live, 7:00 Fardon My Crime, 7:30 WKRP in Cincinnati, 8:00 Name Horizons, 8:45 Local News, 9:10 Quincy, 9:50 Who Pays the Ferryman, 10:00 World News, 10:25 Adams' Role, 10:50 Arm-shar Theater.</p> <p>SUNDAY 7:05 Cartoons, 7:15 Temperature Rise, 8:00 News in English, 8:15, 10:15, 10:30, 9:00 Quran, 9:30 Open Venue, 9:30 Live English, 9:30 News, 9:45 What the Papers Say, 7:00 Sports, 7:45 Arabic Series, 8:11 Arabic News, 9:00 Round Table, Discussion, 10:00 English News, 10:20 Film.</p> <p>Quran TV Programs SUNDAY 5:02 Quran, 5:08 Today's, 5:10 Students' Program, 6:14 Quran, 6:31 Adult Education, 6:30 Quran, 7:20 Agricultural Programs, 7:40 Songs, 7:50 Arabic Film, 8:30 Arabic News, 9:00 Religious Series, 9:30 Local Arabic News, 9:50 Songs, Widya, Diary, 10:00 English News, 10:20 English Film, 11:50 News, 11:55 Quran.</p>	<p>8:00 World News 8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary 8:30 Sarah Ward 8:45 World Today 9:00 Newsdesk 9:30 Opera Star 10:00 World News 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary 10:30 Sarah Ward 10:45 Something to Show You 11:00 World News 11:09 Reflections 11:15 Piano Style 11:50 Brain of Britain 1978 12:00 World News 12:09 British Press Review 12:15 World Today 12:30 Financial News 12:40 Look Ahead</p> <p>F.M. 8:00 News Roundup Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses 8:30 Dairine: News Summary 9:00 Special English: News Feature: The Making of a Nation: News Summary 9:30 Music USA: (Standards) News Roundup Reports: Actualities 10:05 Opening: Analyses Morning Transmission</p> <p>BBC 8:30 Take One 8:45 Sports Round-up 9:00 World News 9:09 News about Britain 9:15 Radio Newsread 9:30 Farming World 10:00 Outlook News Summary 10:39 Stock Market Report 10:43 Look Ahead 10:45 Ulster in Focus 11:00 World News 11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 12:15 Talkabout 12:45 Nature Notebook 1:00 World News 1:09 World Today 1:25 Financial News 1:35 Book Choice 1:40 Reflections 1:45 Sports Round-up 2:00 World News 2:09 Commentary 2:15 Sitarak Holmes 2:30 World Today 2:09 Commentary</p>	<p>10:30 VOA New Summary 10:30 VOA Magazine America: Letter Cultural: Letter 11:00 Special English: News 11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz) 12:00 News newsmen's VOA world reports reports background features media comments news analyses.</p> <p>BBC 8:30 Take One 8:45 Sports Round-up 9:00 World News 9:09 News about Britain 9:15 Radio Newsread 9:30 Farming World 10:00 Outlook News Summary 10:39 Stock Market Report 10:43 Look Ahead 10:45 Ulster in Focus 11:00 World News 11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 12:15 Talkabout 12:45 Nature Notebook 1:00 World News 1:09 World Today 1:25 Financial News 1:35 Book Choice 1:40 Reflections 1:45 Sports Round-up 2:00 World News 2:09 Commentary</p>	<p>SAUDI RADIO-ENGLISH SERVICE Sunday Afternoon Transmission Time 2:01 Holy Quran 2:01 Program Review 2:01 Glimpses of Guidance 2:12 Light Music 2:15 On Islam 2:25 Pop Variety 2:55 Light Music 3:00 The News 3:10 From Review 3:15 Light Music 3:20 Laps & Bounds 3:30 Youth Welfare 3:40 Light Music 3:50 Closedown Time 5:00 Sunday 5:01 Holy Quran 5:06 Program Review 5:07 Glimpses of Guidance 5:12 Light Music 5:15 The Evening Show 5:25 Congratulations of the Prophet 5:30 Annas by Radio 5:15 Date to Remember 9:30 The News 9:40 S. 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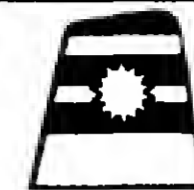
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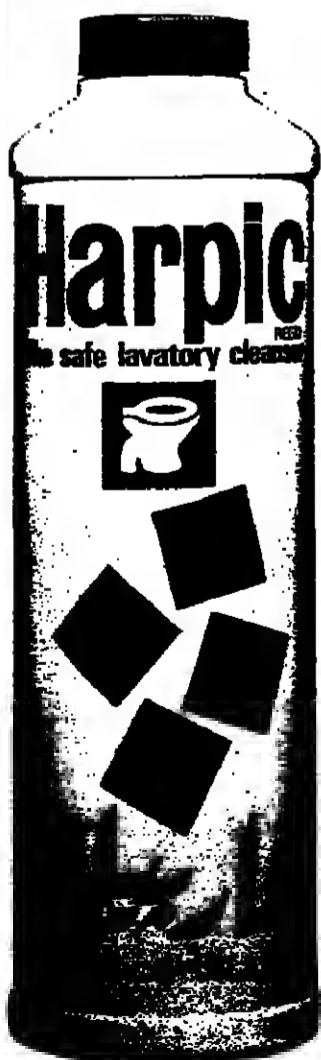
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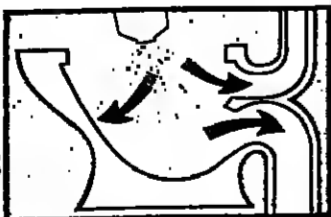
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Soviets willing to resume arms cut talks

Genscher ends trip

MOSCOW, April 4 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union has indicated its willingness to resume East-West talks on limiting medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe without any preconditions, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher told a news conference here Saturday.

He said he gained the impression during his talks with his Soviet counterpart Andrei Gromyko and President Leonid Brezhnev Friday. Genscher ended his talks with the Soviet leaders and was leaving for Bonn Saturday.

The Soviet leaders told Genscher that acceptance of their proposal for a moratorium or freeze on existing medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe, which the West has already rejected, was not a precondition for resuming talks. Initial discussions between Moscow and Washington on medium-range weapons were adjourned last November. While the West wants the talks to cover primarily missiles such as the Soviet SS-20, Moscow wants to include all U.S. forward-based systems in Europe including aircraft.

The Soviet Union is installing about 300 new medium-range SS-20 missiles targeted on European NATO countries, and the



Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev

Western alliance plans to deploy nearly 600 comparable U.S. missiles beginning in late 1983 to counter the Soviet first-strike capability. NATO has offered to negotiate a reduction in such weapons before deploying the American weapons, but only preliminary U.S.-Soviet talks on the matter have been held.

"Equilibrium (in weapons) is absolutely necessary," Genscher said, adding that



West German Foreign Minister Genscher

negotiations should attempt to restore the balance of forces "to the lowest possible level." He said Brezhnev's proposal to freeze East-West nuclear weapons in Europe at current levels did not appear to be a preliminary condition for missile negotiations. Bonn has already rejected the proposal because of the Soviet advantage in missiles.

Asked the status of a proposed Soviet pipeline to deliver large amounts of Siberian

natural gas to western Europe, Genscher said the issue had been "touched upon" in his talks in Moscow. Despite American concern that the pipeline would increase western European dependence on Soviet fuel, Genscher denied that the United States had ever attempted to sabotage the deal.

At the news conference, Genscher stressed West Germany's close political and security ties with the United States and western European allies. He said he had made this point plain to the Soviets and that they "explicitly respected" the West German commitment to NATO. Meeting more than two hours with Brezhnev, Genscher said he emphasized the necessity for "politics of self-restraint" by both East and West in the "difficult" world political situation.

Genscher also appealed for an "independent, nonaligned Afghanistan, free from foreign troops" in his meetings with Gromyko. The Soviets have sent an estimated 85,000 troops into Afghanistan to back the pro-Moscow government of Kabul.

The Soviet news agency Tass quoted Brezhnev as saying that curbing the arms race and disarmament are the keys to strengthening peace in current conditions. Despite the differences with Bonn on armaments and other security issues, the Soviet leader gave a "positive appraisal" of the overall state of relations between the Soviet Union and West Germany, Tass said.

Canadian documents on spy case 'missing'

TORONTO, April 4 (AP) — *The Globe and Mail* says several crucial Canadian documents are mysteriously missing which could prove recent charges that the former head of British counterespionage was a Soviet spy. In an Ottawa report in Saturday's edition, the newspaper says the papers, which deal with the defection 36 years ago of Igor Gouzenko, a Soviet Embassy cipher clerk, could settle allegations made in a British book last week that former MI-5 head Sir Ralph Hollis was an agent for the Soviet Union.

The documents include a single volume of former Prime Minister Mackenzie King's diaries and Privy Council office records of cabinet deliberations relating to Gouzenko's 1945 defection to Canada.

The volume is the only one missing from all the diaries King wrote from 1893 to his death in 1950, and deal with a period in November and December, 1945, when the Canadian government and British and American allies were trying to decide what to do with the Gouzenko case.

The volume covers an interval when King received translated reports from Gouzenko's interrogators, which could shed light on the allegations about Hollis. Gouzenko said in a recent Toronto television interview that one of his interrogators was Hollis, the head of the British organization from 1956 to his retirement in 1965.

The British book, *Their Trade is Treachery* by Chapman Pincher, discusses Soviet infiltration of foreign intelligence services and portrays Hollis as a KGB agent.

Hollis is alleged to have been a spy as early as 1945, and it is believed he may have tried to quash Gouzenko's story about a Soviet spy in Britain codenamed Eli. The documents could also solve a long-standing dispute between two well-known Canadian espionage figures, Sir William Stephenson — the man called Intrepid — says Hollis never questioned Gouzenko.

The RCMP, MI-5 and U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation files on the case remain closed, as do the transcripts of secret testimony in 1946 by Gouzenko and others before the Kellock-Taschereau Royal Commission into espionage.

Part of King's diaries relating to the case were made public, but they do not contain information about who questioned Gouzenko. J. Edouard Handy, King's former personal secretary says Laurier House — King's Ottawa residence — has been searched thoroughly.



U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger

Weinberger visits London

LONDON, April 4 (AFP) — United States Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger arrived here Saturday on the first leg of a European tour. During his three-day visit to Britain, Weinberger will have talks with his British counterpart John Nott and visit military installations.

Discussions will focus on arms cooperation and deployment of Cruise missiles in Britain. Another topic will be the possibility of Soviet intervention in Poland. Weinberger goes on to West Germany where he will attend a meeting of the Atlantic alliance nuclear planning group, and then to Italy. He returns to Washington next Friday.

Soviet jets bomb Afghan villages

NEW DELHI, April 4 (R) — Soviet aircraft bombed several villages in Afghanistan following increased anti-government activity by freedom fighters in provinces around Kabul. Western diplomatic sources have said here. The bombings were in retaliation for the killing of Soviet soldiers and Afghan government supporters in a number of villages, they said.

The sources agreed Friday with other diplomatic reports earlier this week that Afghan troops had been moved out of Kabul to put down anti-government activity, particularly strong in the cities of Herat and Kandahar. They said heavy fighting between Soviet troops and Afghan freedom fighters was reported from Jalalabad, on the main road from Kabul to the Pakistani border.

Paper for U.N. says 'Life exists on planets'

UNITED NATIONS, April 4 (AP) — Life and even civilizations probably exist on other planets besides the earth, according to a scientific paper prepared for the United Nations.

The paper, titled *Current and Future State of Space Science*, was prepared for the second U.N. conference on the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space, scheduled in Vienna August 9-21, 1982.

The authors of a chapter on "The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence" are 15 scientists from the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Japan, Indonesia and India.

They say it is reasonable to suppose that primitive life forms emerged from organic compounds in the waters of the ancient earth and that out of them complex life forms evolved, including man.

They noted that the two Viking spacecraft that the United States sent to Mars in 1976 found no sign of life, but they argue that life may exist somewhere else on Mars, considered the likeliest of the other planets in the solar system to have living things.

Extending their speculation through the Milky Way, galaxy and beyond, they added: "It is likely that life has emerged on some planets of some stars elsewhere in the galaxy and the universe, just as it has emerged on earth. It is also likely that it would, in some cases, have passed through various stages of biological evolution to a state of intelligence."

Noting that some stars may be 20 billion years old, compared to our solar system's 4.5 billion years, they say "there could be extraterrestrial civilizations many millions of years older than civilization on earth."

They say a space trip to find any such

civilizations "could take thousands of millions of years" but getting in touch with them "becomes dramatically easier if attempts are made to detect the radiation emitted by other civilizations."

They suggest the best way to search for any such civilizations is to listen in the microwave region of the radio spectrum for signals — "either those from beacons transmitting deliberately for the purpose of establishing communications, or those emitted by other civilizations for their own purposes."

The authors note that "some have worried that a message from an advanced society might make man lose faith in his own civilization" or have other negative consequences. "But man is free to ignore an offensive extraterrestrial message," they argue. "Man is under no obligation to reply."

"If man chooses not to respond, there is no way that the transmitting civilization can determine that its message was received and understood on the distant planet earth. Thus the receipt, and translation of a radio message from the depths of space seems to pose few dangers to mankind. Instead it holds promise of philosophical, and even practical, benefits for all of humanity."

"By holding a conversation with another civilization, succeeding generations of mankind may gain new scientific results. These could range from an understanding of the past and the future of the universe to physical theories of the fundamental particles of which the universe is made and to new biologies."

"Man might be able to converse with distant and venerable thinkers on the deepest values of conscious beings and their societies. Man may then become linked with a vast galactic network."

Belgrade sending militia Curfew imposed on Kosovo

BELGRADE, April 4 (AP) — Yugoslav authorities appear to be sending extra militia units to the southern province of Kosovo and have imposed curfew in the area following nationalist demonstrations that left 35 persons injured, diplomatic sources said here Saturday.

Meanwhile, Yugoslav authorities have denied rumors that two persons were killed during the demonstrations. The curfew, in effect from 0800 p.m. to 0500 a.m., was imposed throughout most of Kosovo Friday evening, Western diplomats said.

One diplomat said auxiliary police and militia units were appearing in Belgrade and elsewhere, an indication that units normally on duty had been sent to Kosovo. Armed militia guards and students have clashed on four separate occasions in the last month in Kosovo during demonstrations in support of increased political autonomy for Kosovo's ethnic Albanians.

Rioters were said to have shot at police during a demonstration on March 26, but Yugoslav authorities here say armed police and militia units stationed in the area are under orders not to fire upon demonstrators.

Yugoslav authorities in Belgrade Saturday said no deaths were reported during the four

4 Iraqi air bases hit, Tehran claims

BEIRUT, April 4 (Agencies) — Iran claimed its warplanes struck at four air bases deep inside Iraq Saturday while an Islamic mediator arrived in the Iraqi capital in the continuing effort to end the seven-month-old war. Paris, the official Iranian news agency, said Iranian air force planes "pounded all enemy aircraft at four air bases deep inside Iraqi territory." The brief communique gave no further details except to say that all the Iranian planes returned home safely.

The Iranian radio interrupted its regular broadcast to give reports on the air strike. According to the radio, the raid was reported in the Iranian general staff's communique. It added that Iraqi forces recently received delivery of some Mirage fighters that Baghdad had ordered from France.

Iranian gunners killed 24 Iraqis and injured 13 in artillery attacks Thursday on occupied parts of the port city of Khorramshahr and the Iraqi town of Al-Fao, a joint staff communique said. An Iraqi warplane was shot down Wednesday over Farsiab in Khuzestan province, it added.

The news agency reported Iraqi missile and artillery onslaughts killed four persons in the southern province Thursday. A "powerful missile" killed two persons and wounded three in the provincial capital, Ahwaz, while artillery attacks there and on Dezful, site of one of the biggest air bases in the Middle East, killed two and injured 17, destroyed a mosque and started a serious fire, it said.

Meanwhile the Iraqi News Agency (INA), quoting a military communique from Baghdad, announced that Iraqi forces had killed 73 Iraqis in 24 hours.

Floods ravage Brazilian state

NATAL, Brazil April 4 (AP) — Rain-spawned floods have darkened almost the entire northeastern Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Norte, including its capital city of Natal. Three straight weeks of rain have burst dams and reservoirs, flooding inland cities and downing electrical towers that supplied the state's power.

State officials say restoring electrical service to most areas could be delayed up to 72 hours or more, since many power stations and tower sites are still under water. The floods, which have worsened in recent days because of continued heavy rains, have left thousands homeless and cut major highways throughout the state.

Local press reports say at least seven persons have died in the flooding, and scores are reported missing.

Benn told to call off bid

LONDON, April 4 (AFP) — Britain's biggest trade union has called on Tony Benn, leader of the opposition Labor Party's left-wing, to call off his bid for the party's deputy leadership. The Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) thus joined forces with party leader Michael Foot, who on Thursday said Benn's avowed intent to topple moderate Denis Healey from the post at the annual conference in six months' time would distract Labor from its basic task — fighting party leaders adopted last January — inspired by Benn — the unions have 40 per cent of votes at a party conference, against 30 per cent for members of Parliament and 30 per cent for the constituencies.

Transplant surgeon gets libel damages

LONDON, April 4 (AP) — Pioneer heart transplant surgeon Christian Barnard of South Africa Friday accepted undisclosed damages for libel in a book which alleged he carried out operations "without regard to the welfare of his patients and the animals whose organs he uses."

Barnard's counsel, Anthony Temple, said the book *Slaughter of the Innocent* by Hens Ruezsch, alleged that the heart of a female baboon was removed without anesthesia to provide the surgeon with an organ free of chemicals for implantation into a patient he was operating upon.

Temple said the British publishers and printers, Foura Publications and Hazell Watson and Viney, conceded that the allegations were published without attempting to verify the facts and they now acknowledged that the allegations were totally untrue.

He said the defendants now accepted that the operation was the only way to save the patient's life and that the donor baboon's heart was removed only after the animal had been properly anesthetized and had lost consciousness. Barnard had agreed to accept "appropriate" damages in settlement, Temple said. Proceedings against the author were discontinued.

Rioting toll mounts to 11 in India

NEW DELHI, April 4 (AP) — At least eight persons were reported killed and about 300 injured Friday in rioting and police firings during an opposition-sponsored general strike in the Marxist-ruled state of West Bengal in eastern India. The fatalities raised the death toll to 11 in political violence this week in the state, ruled since 1977 by a Marxist-led coalition.

The local unit of prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party called the strike to

Quake hits Athens area

ATHENS, April 4 (AFP) — An earthquake measuring 4.8 on the open ended Richter Scale struck north of here during the night, the Athens Seismological Institute announced Saturday. The quake, which struck at 9:37 p.m. (1887 GMT), was felt in Athens but no victims or damage were reported.

protest the deaths of three party workers in police firings Monday. The congress party is in the opposition in West Bengal. In Friday's clashes, one policeman was slain and another wounded in a boat attack while one person was shot dead when police fired at a crowd squatting on railroad tracks in Howrah district, near the state capital of Calcutta, the United News of India said. Six others were reported killed in bomb attacks by unidentified assailants and clashes between Marxist supporters and Gandhi followers.

Trouble has been simmering for weeks between Mrs. Gandhi and the Marxists. Recently the prime minister accused the leftists of inspiring a spurt of political killings in West Bengal and Kerala, southern India, also ruled by a Communist regime. West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu told reporters at Calcutta that at least 365 persons have been arrested statewide on various charges.

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